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Limited Magical Ice Festival in the works

City to host annual festival Feb. 4-7, with restrictions in place

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The annual Magical Ice Fest in St. Joseph will go on, but with strict COVID-19 restrictions and guidance from the Berrien County Health Department.

The St. Joseph City Commission on Monday approved a special event application from St. Joseph Today to hold the festival Feb. 4-7.

The annual winter ice festival features ice carving, sculptures on display, interactive ice games, and the Ice Fest Chocolate 5K sponsored by the Sunset Coast Striders. There will be 35-40 ice sculptures located in downtown St. Joseph, with seven smaller sculptures to be carved during a demonstration by individual carvers. Three larger sculptures are to be carved onsite by teams of two carvers and the additional sculptures are carved prior to being set throughout downtown.

A number of activities have been reduced or eliminated to discourage gatherings. For example the fire and ice bonfire and Ice Wars are canceled. Amy Zapal, from St. Joseph Today, said those events have been very popular and would likely draw crowds that would not allow for social distancing.

For the Chocolate 5K, participants must wear face masks at all times except while racing. There will be staggered start times, and race results will be posted online to eliminate racers congregating around a piece of paper.

Packet pick-up and same-day registration will be held inside St Joe Today with only a limited number of runners allowed inside at a time and the possibility of another packet pick-up line held outside, with 6-foot distancing required.

The Berrien County Health Department will be contacted as the event approaches to advise as to whether any events must be changed to comply with any updated orders.

The city commission approved the Magical Ice Fest with the understanding that state or county guidance may further restrict or prevent the event.

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Don Campbell / HP file photo
Professional ice carver Matthew Stoddart of Lexington, Ky., works on a sculpture during the 2018 Magical Ice Fest in downtown St. Joseph. This year's event is scheduled to go forward.

Don Campbell / HP staff
Bill Chickering retired Dec. 31 after serving six years as a Berrien County commissioner. Prior to that Chickering had put in many years with the St. Joseph school board.

Ready for a break

Longtime school board member, county commissioner seeks the quiet life

Q&A
BILL CHICKERING

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Bill Chickering of St. Joseph is looking forward to spending more time with his three young granddaughters in Cincinnati now that he's retired from the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

But the 69-year-old said he has no plans to leave Southwest Michigan.

After graduating from St. Joseph High School in 1969, he moved away to obtain his law degree and to work. He moved back in 1985 for a job at Whirlpool Corp. in Benton Harbor, serving as its labor and employment lawyer for almost three decades.

"I retired in 2012, something like that," he said. "Time flies when you're retired."

He and his wife, Fran, never left after moving back to the area.

"We bought a house in St. Joe two doors down from my parents' old house, an old farmhouse near the high school." he said. "We raised our two children, who graduated from St. Joseph and went about their lives as well. I've always loved the community."

Public service is in the Chickerings' blood, as his wife was on the St. Joseph City Commission for 10 years.

"She's more popular than I am," he said.

Chickering did two stints on the St. Joseph district school board, for a total of 22 years.

"I was on for 18 years and was president for the last 12 of that. I resigned from the school board when my son graduated from St. Joe," he said. "And then, several years later, I was approached by members of the board because they had some openings. They asked me to run again, which I was very happy to do."

He served a final term on the school board before switching to the county board of commissioners for six years.

Chickering talked with Staff Writer Louise Wrege about his past public service, along with his retirement plans.

Why did you switch to the county board of commissioners?

Actually, about six years ago I was approached by (U.S. Rep.) Fred Upton, who wanted me to run. My predecessor, Cathy Thieneman, had decided not to run. Even though it was a tough decision leaving the school board, I figured it was a good opportunity to expand. I had retired at that point, so I had a little more time available. Things just worked out well. My school board term ended at the same time that the county job started.

What's the difference between being on a school board and the board of commissioners?

That's something that everybody always asks me. On the school board, it's great. Even though they do a whole lot of different things, all of the activities that it takes to run a school district, the school board members only have one focus – doing what's right for the kids. You have a big business, but it has a singular focus.

The county, on the other hand, has a ton of different activities all across the board. County commissioners have to stay focused on 160,000 people. So your focus, instead of being a laser focus, becomes much broader. And you have to be concerned on a lot of different levels dealing with the kind of population that we're responsible for. It's a very diverse county, between the larger communities, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Niles. They're not that large. They're 15,000, maybe 20,000 people citywide. And then, we have huge areas of the county that are very rural. That difference in the population really makes it a challenge at times to balance the needs and deliver the services to a population where there is so much geographic diversity out there.

Was being a county commissioner more time consuming than being on the school board?

It certainly was. When I first got involved, I knew there were meetings every week, but the extra committee meetings, board of health meetings, parks meetings and committees outside of the board of commissioners was more time

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Berrien now scheduling COVID vaccines in next phase

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) and Spectrum Health Lakeland announced Monday they would begin scheduling people 65 and older and other essential workers for COVID-19 vaccines.

The two entities announced the step in a news release in which they said because quantities of the vaccine are still limited, their joint approach prioritizes the highest-risk populations for severe COVID-19 illness due to risk factors, such as age, or exposure due to occupation.

The BCHD and Spectrum Health Lakeland will work from cross-referenced waiting lists of those who have expressed interest in getting the vaccine.

In addition, both agencies are targeting essential workers by coordinating directly with employers and other partner agencies to reach senior centers, homebound individuals and those at higher vulnerability.

They noted the best way for those over the age of 65 and employers of essential workers to indicate interest in receiving the vaccine is to complete the pre-registration wait list available on the BCHD website, or complete the survey available via Lakeland MyChart located under "questionnaires" in the My Record section.

People are encouraged to assist family and friends without internet access or email with the online pre-registration and waitlist process if possible, health officials wrote in the news release.

Community members should not call their health care provider's office for vaccination scheduling or show up at the health department anticipating getting their vaccination without an

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Michigan bans open carry of guns inside state Capitol

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press/
Report for America

LANSING — A state panel on Monday banned the open carry of guns in Michigan's Capitol, a week after an armed mob rioted in the U.S. Capitol and following a plot last year to storm the statehouse.

Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's COVID-19 restrictions, some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative chamber that was closed to the public.

The Michigan State Capitol Commission, which is responsible for overseeing the Capitol, had been reluctant to issue rules for firearms, but it shifted course Monday and issued the order to ban the open carrying of weapons.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, who previously said the commission shouldn't be responsible for creating weapons policies, said last

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Man charged with strangling pregnant wife who was teacher

KENTWOOD (AP) — A Grand Rapids-area teacher pregnant with a third child was strangled by her husband, authorities said Monday as they filed a murder charge.

Richard Guichelaar, 35, was arraigned on the charge in Kentwood District Court. Bond was set at $2 million.

Amber Guichelaar, 32, was killed at her home on Nov. 16, police said. She was a Kentwood teacher and the mother of two children.

"The death was declared a homicide by strangulation/asphyxiation," Det. Tim Dykgraaf said in a court filing. "Richard was the only other person present in the home at the time frame of the incident that was physically capable of causing the injuries that resulted in Amber's death."

Guichelaar's attorney, Chip Chamberlain, declined to comment.

"Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family as they cope with this tragedy," the Kentwood school district said.

Deal frees $173M to expand South Shore commuter rail line

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP) — A federal agency has finalized a deal to provide $173 million for expanding the South Shore commuter rail line that runs between northern Indiana and Chicago by adding a second track between two Indiana cities.

Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Thursday that the Federal Transit Administration's agreement with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District will allow construction to start on expanding the South Shore rail line to a double track between Gary and Michigan City.

The project will add a second set of tracks spanning about 17 miles along an existing single-track rail between the two cities, and make other improvements.

Holcomb said the project, which will cost a total of $491 million, will speed passenger rail service between the cities, make critical safety improvements at grade crossings and upgrade five stations along that route.

"By improving commuter rail through the Region, the project is a game changer for northwest Indiana and the entire state," Holcomb said.

The state of Indiana had already committed nearly $200 million for the work, while local municipalities and entities have agree to spend nearly $120 million.

The agreement between the federal agency and operator of the South Shore line comes about three months after a similar agreement was finalized for $355 million in federal funding for a project to extend the South Shore commuter rail line from Hammond south to Dyer. The total cost of that 7.8-mile extension and work to add four new stations is $945 million.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JD-AH-2D-3D-6D
Midday Daily 3
3-6-9
Midday Daily 4
4-3-2-0
Daily 3
3-8-7
Daily 4
3-4-1-3
Fantasy 5
01-07-08-13-22
Keno
03-07-17-24-28-31-35-39-41-43-44-46-48-56-59-60-65-66-70-72-73-74
Mega Millions jackpot
$600 million
Powerball jackpot
$550 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
01-11-17-20-45
Cash4Life
05-43-46-49-52, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
08-11-12-18-21-26-33-36-41-47-49-55-59-65-67-71-74-76-78-79, BE: 65
Daily Three-Midday
4-1-0, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
3-0-8, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
1-0-6-9, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
1-5-8-8, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
03-04-07-10-11-13-15-16-18-20-26-36-37-42-45-50-56-58-61-63, BE: 37

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-09-18-26-41
Pick Three-Midday
2-8-6, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
1-1-2, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
0-1-1-2, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
6-7-8-9, Fireball: 2
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03-16-24-37-44

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U.S. ramps up vaccinations to get doses to more Americans

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Betty Lou Wahlstedt, 88, right, receives the COVID-19 vaccination from pharmacist Jeffery Smith at a senior living residents facility Monday in Plano, Texas. The U.S. is entering the second month of the biggest vaccination effort in history with a major expansion of the campaign.

The U.S. is entering the second month of the biggest vaccination drive in history with a major expansion of the campaign, opening football stadiums, major league ballparks, fairgrounds and convention centers to inoculate a larger and more diverse pool of people.

After a frustratingly slow rollout involving primarily health care workers and nursing home residents, states are moving on to the next phase before the first one is complete, making shots available to such groups as senior citizens, teachers, bus drivers, police officers and firefighters.

"It gives you hope," said David Garvin, a New Yorker who turns 80 next weekend and got a vaccination at a city-run site in Brooklyn on Monday, the first day the state made people over 75 eligible along with various front-line workers. "I've been in my room for six months."

In Southern California, 41-year-old nurse Julieann Sparks received a shot through her car window at a drive-thru vaccination site that opened in a parking lot near the San Diego Padres' baseball stadium.

"It really truly was a hassle-free experience," she said. After receiving a vaccination, drivers had to stay there for 15 minutes so that they could be watched for any reaction.

Similarly, in Britain, where a more contagious variant of the virus is raging out of control and deaths are soaring, seven large-scale vaccination sites opened Monday at such places as a big convention center in London, a racecourse in Surrey and a tennis and soccer complex in Manchester.

Across the U.S., where the outbreak has entered its most lethal phase yet and the death toll has climbed to about 375,000, politicians and health officials have complained over the past several days that too many shots were sitting unused on the shelves because of overly rigid adherence to the federal guidelines that put an estimated 24 million health care workers and nursing home residents at the front of the line.

About 9 million Americans have received their first shot, or 2.7 percent of the U.S. population, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Experts say as much as 85 percent of the population will have to be inoculated to achieve "herd immunity" and vanquish the outbreak.

Many states are responding by throwing open the line to other groups and ramping up the pace of vaccinations, in some cases offering them 24-7.

In California, one of the deadliest hot spots in the U.S., the drive-thru operation outside the San Diego ballpark is gearing up to inoculate 5,000 health care workers a day. Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles will also be pressed into service by the end of the week, with officials saying it will be able to vaccinate 12,000 people per day when it is fully running.

At the same time, California hit another gloomy milestone, surpassing a death toll of 30,000. It took the state six months to record its first 10,000 deaths but barely a month to go from 20,000 to 30,000. Over the weekend, California reported a two-day record of 1,163 deaths. Hospitals are reaching the breaking point.

About 584,000 doses have been administered in California, or about 1.5 percent of the population.

Arizona, with the highest COVID-19 diagnosis rate in the U.S., began dispensing vaccinations Monday in a drive-thru, round-the-clock operation at the suburban Phoenix stadium that is home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. Shots are being offered to people 75 and older, teachers, police and firefighters.

In Texas, vaccine megasites opened at the Alamodome in San Antonio and on the Texas state fairground in Dallas. Nearly 4,000 people were vaccinated Saturday at Minute Maid Park, the home of baseball's Houston Astros.

Detroit's call center was jammed with more than 100,000 calls Monday as the city took appointments for shots at the downtown TCF convention center, starting Wednesday. Officials plan to schedule 20,000 appointments over the next month for people 75 and older. Police officers and bus drivers can start getting vaccinated there at the end of the week.

"We do not have the capacity to answer questions from people under 75 or non-Detroiters about vaccinations in general," said Detroit's chief operating officer, Hakim Berry. "If you are not eligible, please do not tie up the call lines."

The slow first stage of the U.S. campaign has been blamed in part on inadequate funding and guidance from Washington and a multitude of logistical hurdles at the state and local level that have caused confusion and disorganization.

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Police investigating two shootings over weekend

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Police are continuing to investigate two separate shootings they say occurred over the weekend.

The names of the victims, who both were taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries, are not being released at this time, and no arrests had been made as of Monday.

Benton Township Police Detective/Sgt. Tyler Tiefenbach said police were called just before 8 p.m. Saturday to 170 Concord Road, where the caller said a shooting victim had come into the house.

When police arrived, they found a 23-year-old Benton Harbor man with gunshot wounds to both legs. He was taken by Medic 1 ambulance to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Tiefenbach said early indications are that the shooting took place in a common area between Blossom Lane and Concord Road.

Police were assisted at the scene by the St. Joseph Department of Public Safety, Michigan State Police and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

The second shooting occurred at 3:25 a.m. Sunday.

Police were called to 2088 E. Empire Street, Lot 225, on a report of multiple shots fired.

Police said a 28-year-old man inside the house had been hit by bullets and had multiple wounds to his legs and hand.

The man was taken by Medic 1 ambulance to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, for treatments of injuries that were not life-threatening, Tiefenbafch said.

Benton Township police were assisted by the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information about either incident is asked to call the Benton Township Police Department, 925-1135, or Crime Stoppers, 800-342-STOP.

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ENJOYING THE SHOW

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A man walks out on a viewing platform overlooking Lake Michigan during a recent sunset at Lookout Park in St. Joseph.

Couple scammed out of $12,000

Grandparents often targets for scams

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

PAW PAW — Michigan State Police troopers are warning citizens about an uptick in scams targeted at grandparents living in Southwest Michigan.

The latest incident involved an older couple from Lawton who are now out $12,000.

The scam began when the couple received a phone call from someone who they thought was their granddaughter, according to a news release from Special Lt. Duwayne Robinson, public information officer for Michigan State Police's Fifth District.

The female caller, later determined to be impersonating the couple's granddaughter, claimed she had been arrested following a traffic accident. The caller told the couple they needed to contact her friend's father, who was a lawyer. They contacted the "lawyer," who told him their granddaughter was in serious trouble and they would need $12,000 to bail her out of jail. After agreeing to pay the money in cash, the lawyer said he would send a courier to their home to pick up the money.

The next day the "so-called lawyer" called the couple back and said there was an issue and that they would need to pay an additional $14,000 to help their granddaughter. But that attempt was thwarted once their actual granddaughter stopped by their house, and it was realized the couple had been scammed.

"She randomly stopped by unannounced," Robinson said.

Michigan State Police are continuing to investigate the scam. Recent similar "grandparent" scams have been reported in Sault Ste. Marie and the Grand Rapids area, prompting the following advice from state police troopers at the Paw Paw post:

"Michigan State Police would like to remind citizens to contact law enforcement prior to acting on or sending any money if you ever feel you are being scammed either by phone, email or other methods," Robinson said. "Additionally, if you believe you are being targeted please remember to record as much of the caller's information as possible."

Police are also warning of other scams out there that people need to be aware of.

"If you receive phone calls, emails or some other form of communication in which the caller is claiming they are from the Treasury Department and/or who is offering COVID stimulus payments or some form of a grant in exchange for your personal information or they require you to purchase gift cards to obtain money, consider this a scam and hang up and report it to law enforcement or the FBI at www.ic3.gov," Robinson said.

All suspected fraudulent activity can also be reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams.

People who have lost money to a phone scam or have information about the company or scammer who called, can report it to ftc.gov/complaint. People who have not lost money, but who want to report a scam, can do so on the FTC's streamlined reporting form at donotcall.gov.

IN BRIEF

United Way relaunches Equity Challenge

ST. JOSEPH — United Way of Southwest Michigan recently announced that it is relaunching its 21-day Equity Challenge following the success of the program in September.

The interactive digital program for people to deepen their understanding of racism will begin on Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and run for 21 days.

Participants will get an email each day with a prompt and a short reading, video or audio file. They are then encouraged to take 10-15 minutes to consider the material.

The daily prompts will explore different facets of racism and how they intersect with other social and economic issues, as well as provide guidance on building a race equity culture and becoming an ally.

About 600 people completed the challenge in September.

New this time, participants can preview the challenge with a "5-day warm-up" before committing.

To sign up, and for more information, visit uwsm.org.

Consumers Energy Foundation announces grants to nonprofits

JACKSON (AP) — The Consumers Energy Foundation has announced more than $480,000 in grants to help Michigan nonprofits provide critical help to communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

Since March, the Jackson-based foundation that is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy has provided $5.4 million in direct response to the pandemic.

Grants support those working on the front lines to directly meet basic needs such as food and shelter.

The Food Bank Council of Michigan received $200,000 in funding to address food insecurity, including mobile food distributions across the state.

Other recipients include the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan which received $100,000, while the Greater Lansing Food Bank's Building Hope Campaign got $50,000.

Start Garden in Grand Rapids received $30,000.

LMC to virtually celebrate MLK Jr. next week

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College is honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this year in a different manner.

Because the pandemic prevents a traditional in-person gathering, the college will host a series of events to honor King's legacy.

Now is the Time! The MLK Celebration Week, is a free – and virtual – communitywide effort inspired by King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." The celebration takes place Jan. 18-22, features speakers, performances, roundtable discussions, a virtual food drive and historic and local trivia contests.

"Bringing community members and leaders together to reflect on Martin Luther King's contributions and teachings has been such an impactful, poignant event for us at Lake Michigan College," LMC President Trevor Kubatzke said in a news release. "While the pandemic may prevent us from gathering in-person over breakfast, we were compelled to reach out to our community and develop ways to celebrate, educate and inspire throughout the week and beyond."

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. next Monday with the MLK Celebration Week Kickoff.

The event includes welcoming messages from U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, St. Joseph Mayor Mike Garey and Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad, a presentation from Benton Harbor High School graduate Tekeidra Masters, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2020 Midwest Regional Youth of the Year, and remarks from new Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Clubs CEO Mackenzie Kastl.

The kickoff features musical performances and the announcement of the inaugural Spirit of MLK Spotlights, shining a light on an individual, organization and student who embodies MLK's spirit and love in the community through their direct action.

"We are proud to join Lake Michigan College and our community to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Whirlpool Corp. Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer said in the release. The Benton Harbor appliance maker is among the event's sponsors. "We look forward to this week in reflection and in channeling Dr. King's spirit to drive toward a more equitable future for all."

Here is the full schedule:

Monday, Jan. 18

8:30 a.m. – MLK Celebration Week Kickoff

7 p.m. – Book Discussion Group: May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem

Tuesday, Jan. 19

10 a.m. – MLK Trivia

4 p.m. – Discussion Group: I See Me, I See You, I See Us: Children's Books about Diversity

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Juneteenth

Wednesday, Jan. 20

1 p.m. – Civil Rights Movement Trivia 7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Letter from a Birmingham Jail – How Far Have We Come?

Thursday, Jan. 21

10 a.m. – Local Civil Rights Trivia

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Social Justice: A Matter of Equity

Friday, Jan. 22

1 p.m. – Miscellaneous Trivia

2 p.m. – Press Conference/Public Art Special Announcement

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: "The Best of Enemies" – The 2019 Major Motion Picture

All Week

■ United Way of Southwest Michigan Food Drive: Proceeds will support food pantries in the tri-county area.

■ MLK Art Activity Packets: Pick up at Benton Harbor and St. Joseph libraries while supplies last.

■ Martin's Dream: Virtual theater performance for children ages 8+, streaming free.

■ United Way of Southwest Michigan 21-day Equity Challenge beginning Jan. 18.

In addition to these events, several resources can be found on lakemichigancollege.edu/MLK.

These resources include a new Underrepresented Businesses Directory, an awareness and equity guide to woman- and minority-owned businesses in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties; an MLK Resource Gallery for books, podcasts, films, community resources and more that explore race relations, bias, racism and current events; and MLK Artistic Reflections, where people can submit their creative reflections about King and his legacy.

All events are free. To sign up for individual programs or for more information, visit lakemichigancollege.edu/MLK.

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Coloma woman gets jail time in embezzlement case

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Coloma woman will spend time in jail for embezzling money from her former employer.

Mary Eilene Vollrath, 59, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and five years probation, and was ordered to pay back $83,114 in restitution to Paterson Printing on Territorial Road in Benton Township, where she formerly worked as a bookkeeper.

She was arrested last June on a charge of embezzlement $50,000 to $100,000, a 15-year felony. In a deal made with prosecutors, she pleaded guilty to attempted embezzlement of $50,000 to $100,000, a felony carrying a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

According to court documents, Benton Township police were called April 23, 2020, to Patterson Printing on Territorial Road.

Employees told police that during an audit, it was discovered that Vollrath had written checks to herself totaling more than $80,000 between 2017 and 2020, according to a police report.

Vollrath had been employed at Patterson Printing for about 10 years. Police said she admitted writing the checks to herself and cashing them.

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Dennis E. Scheer

Oct. 12, 1934 – Jan. 8, 2021

Dennis E. Scheer of Three Oaks and Bonita Springs, Fla., was born onto this Earth on Oct. 12, 1934, in Chicago to Elmer Walter and Vida Rose (Krasovac) Scheer, and entered into eternity Jan. 8, 2021.

The family will be remembering him privately.

Memorials can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the River Valley Senior Center.

Online condolences can be left at www.PikeFH.com.

He graduated from Three Oaks High School in 1952, and began studies at Western Michigan University but was interrupted as a result of his enlistment into the U.S. Army Reserves and subsequent call for active duty.

In 1958, at the conclusion of his active duty obligation, he was honorably discharged at the rank of staff sergeant, and re-enrolled at WMU, graduating in June 1959 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Denny married Joan Wolfe on Aug. 17, 1957, at Three Oaks United Methodist Church. They have two children, Denise (Michael) Scheer-Aumack of Kalamazoo and Darrin T. Scheer of Stevensville. Denny loved and enjoyed his granddaughters, Alexis Glee Aumack and Phoebe Renee Aumack of Kalamazoo, and Isabella Mei Scheer of Stevensville.

His career in the field of human resources covered 10 years with Clark Equipment Co., five years with Benton Harbor Engineering and 22 years with Weldun International, from which he retired on Jan. 1, 1997.

He also served as Chikaming Township supervisor for 14 years, having first been elected in 1978, and completing four terms before retiring from political life in 1992.

He was a past master of Three Oaks Masonic Lodge 239, past president of the Southwestern Michigan Personnel Roundtable, past chairman of Blue Cross Blue Shield's Customer Advisory Council for Southwestern Michigan, former board member with Lakeland Credit Union and served on several advisory councils with area high schools and Lake Michigan College, and was a member of the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan.

Denny enjoyed the company of his family, especially grandchildren and their activities. He also enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, fishing and his hobby of being a "weekend" farmer. He was a gentle man and always a gentleman.

He attended First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, Fla., where he and his wife wintered for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer W. Scheer and Vida R. Scheer; a sister, Patricia Pfauth; and an infant grandson, Chandler D. Aumack. A sister, Clarann (Jack) DeTomasi, survives.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

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Ronald Joseph Seeley

Oct. 30, 1947 – Jan. 4, 2021

Ronald Joseph Seeley, 73, departed this life Jan. 4, 2021, to be with our Lord and Savior.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15 at Calvary Cemetery in Benton Harbor with Father James Adams officiating.

Online condolences can be left at www.PikeFH.com.

Ron was born Oct. 30, 1947, in Benton Harbor, the son of the late Mickey and Frances (Hansen) Seeley.

Ron had a great love of God, and was a lifelong member of St. John Catholic Church in Benton Harbor. He graduated from St. Johns Catholic High School and Western Michigan University.

Ron was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In his earlier years, he enjoyed horseback riding and vacationing in Arizona. He was a retired postman from the St. Joseph post office.

Survivors include his sister, Barbara (Robert) Sadler; brothers, David Seeley and Thomas (Kathleen) Seeley; and former spouse and friend, Cheryl Claeys. Ron was also preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Christine Seeley.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Maxine E. Kreiger

April 13, 1930 – Jan. 9, 2021

Maxine E. "Max" Kreiger, nee Peters, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Per Max's request, cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, www.humanesocietyswm.org.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Maxine was born on April 13, 1930, in Keeler Township to Delloyd and Lena (Kietzer) Peters.

She graduated from St. John's High School in 1948. For many years, she did clerical work at Saranac Machines, Cook Nuclear Plant and Skidmore Corp.

Throughout her life, Maxine enjoyed various interests and talents. She loved to travel the historical and varied sights of many states, from Montana to Maine. She enjoyed photographing the beauty and uniqueness of each state, and created an album for each adventure, later sharing them with the family.

When not traveling, Maxine learned the art of cake decorating, creating wedding and special occasion cakes for family members throughout the years. Family always benefited from her interests and talents. When Maxine learned crocheting, her beautiful handmade crocheted afghans became the prized gift at every Christmas, until all family members received at least one of her unique pieces.

Maxine became a "surrogate" mother to many of her nieces and nephews during critical family times, thereby cementing her role in their lives forever. Family was always first for her. She was the family member that others turned to for help and support, and she never disappointed.

On Nov. 14, 1970, Max married the love of her life, Emil "Flea" Kreiger, in St. Joseph. The two were happily married for 30 years before his passing in 2000.

One of her favorite memories was when she and Emil walked together to the North Pier, and on their walk home, they would stop to get ice cream cones at Baskin-Robbins, fortifying themselves to complete their journey.

Another hobby they did together was assembling large and difficult puzzles. They also liked food gardening, fishing, and a good hamburger and cold beer on a hot summer day. Finally, they had fun playing cards with her sister and brother-in-law on Saturday evenings, enduring the "cheating" that the "boys" did to win every hand.

While Maxine always enjoyed reading, she especially loved the mystery books of Clive Cussler, reading every book he wrote. After completing each novel, she shared them with family members who also got "hooked" on Cussler's books.

As a widow, Maxine continued to do homemaking, gardening, lawn work, and even snow shoveling until this last year, when some tasks became too difficult for her.

She was a beloved family member who will always be appreciated for her gentleness, generosity and kindness to others throughout her life. Rest in peace, dear Aunt.

Max is survived by eight nieces and nephews; and her cat, Boots. She was preceded in death by her parents, Delloyd and Lena; husband, Emil; and siblings, Florine (Herb) Quade and Kenneth Peters.

Donna Brummett

April 27, 1954 – Dec. 30, 2020

Donna "Jill" Brummett, 66, of Watervliet passed away Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. Private inurnment will take place at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Jill's name can be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan.

Those wishing to sign Jill's memory book can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jill was born April 27, 1954, in St. Joseph to Jack and Donna (Kerlikowske) Hamilton.

She graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1973. She worked for many years at the Whirlpool Corp. Administrative Center in Benton Harbor.

Jill is survived by her siblings, Jack Hamilton of Kalamazoo, Michael (Vickie) Hamilton of St. Joseph and Sally Jankowski of St. Joseph; a granddaughter; and several nieces.

She was preceded in death by her son, Brian Brummett, on Nov. 21, 2011; her brother, Ronald Hamilton, in 2017; and her parents, Jack and Donna Hamilton.

Law enforcement: We'll be ready for Joe Biden's inauguration

By COLLEEN LONG and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This time, they'll be ready.

The inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden will be held on the same risers in the same spot at the U.S. Capitol where a violent, pro-Trump mob descended last week. But the two events aren't even comparable from a security standpoint, said Michael Plati, U.S. Secret Service special agent in charge, who is leading the inauguration security.

The inauguration is designated as a "national special security event," which clears the way for communication, funding and preparation between multiple agencies in Washington, like the Capitol Police, Pentagon, Homeland Security and District-area police. Other such events are the State of the Union, the Super Bowl and the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Last week's rally turned violent siege was viewed as a free speech event in the days before, despite multiple warnings about the potential for violence from right-wing extremist groups. Egged on by President Donald Trump and his repeated attempts to delegitimize Biden's win, the violent mob marched from the White House to the Capitol, where they occupied the building for hours to try to stop lawmakers from certifying Biden's win. Five people died, including a police officer. Two explosive devices were found, but they did not go off.

"I don't want to use the expression that we're comparing apples to oranges," Plati said, but the event is planned over a year with contingencies, and they anticipate the possibility of extreme violence.

Biden himself hasn't expressed concern about his own security at the inauguration.

"I'm not afraid of taking the oath outside," he told reporters Monday. "It is critically important that there'll be a real serious focus on holding those folks who engaged in sedition and threatening the lives, defacing public property, caused great damage – that they be held accountable."

Law enforcement officials never go into too much detail about security so would-be attackers aren't tipped off. But Plati said they've taken into account the siege: "It's a poignant reminder of what can happen."

And the inauguration will look different from other presidential inaugurations because of last week's riot, with extremely tight security around the entire capital region. At least 10,000 National Guard troops will be in place by Saturday. Some will be obvious: officers in uniforms, checkpoints, metal detectors, fencing. Some won't.

"There's a variety of methods to ensure that we have a secure, seamless, safe environment for our protectees, but most importantly, the general public," Plati said.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Tight spots
5 Transport for Sinbad
8 Son of Aphrodite
12 Tabloid tidbit
13 Four quarters
14 Warrior princess
15 Bartok or Lugosi
16 — Aykroyd
17 Move freight
18 Main course
20 Meager
22 Low card
23 Search engine find
24 Slack
27 Set straight
30 Put — — fight
31 Caesar's day
32 Away
34 Catch on
35 Klondike strike
36 Debate side
37 Slacks
39 Minuscule
41 Riled up
42 Groaner, maybe
43 Slouch
46 Farm vehicle
50 Synthesizer inventor
51 Dog days, in Dijon
53 Hydrox competitor
54 Eye amorously
55 Crater edge
56 Crevice
57 Takes off
58 Stockholm carrier
59 Cut some slack

DOWN
1 Correspond
2 Ra's symbol
3 Soften
4 Stings
5 Wild West show
6 Stop — — dime
7 Criticized vehemently
8 Expel air
9 Posterior
10 Burden of proof
11 Discount event
19 Wool supplier
21 Stiffly formal
24 Drag along
25 Energy cartel
26 Pledge
27 Greases
28 Slangy refusal
29 Go left or right
31 Bored note-takers
33 Child pleaser
35 Chew like a beaver
38 Photos
39 Formal attire, for short
40 Repeat performance
42 Sonnets and odes
43 Urban blight
44 Kind of stick
45 Butler, to Gable
47 Opera solo
48 TKO officials
49 Sizable purse
52 Senorita's aunt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	I	N			W	H	O		J	A	R	S
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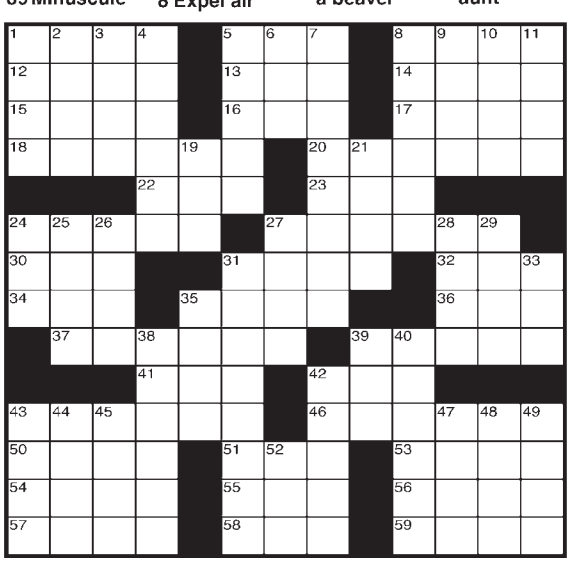

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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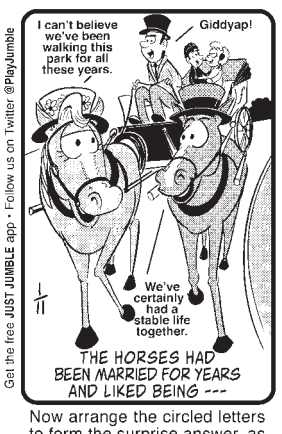
GEHED

CCNILI

NTCREH


I can't believe we've been walking this park for all these years.
Giddyap!
We've certainly had a stable life together.
THE HORSES HAD BEEN MARRIED FOR YEARS AND LIKED BEING ---

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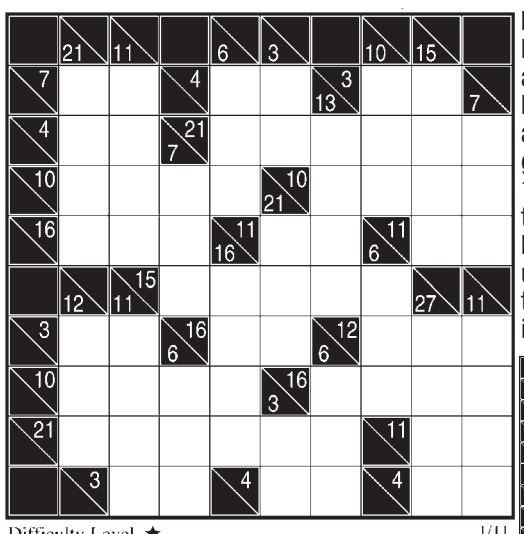
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

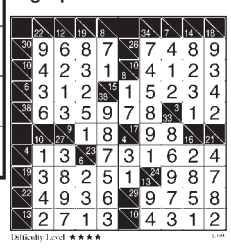
Saturday's Jumbles: DOILY FLUID THORNY DRAGON
Answer: He had the small dent in his wife's car repaired to keep her from — "FIND-DING" OUT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 1/11

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Richard M. DeVos, who was a businessman and owner of the Orlando Magic basketball team, said, "Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A word of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough."

Some defenses are just too tough for (almost) everyone. This deal is doubly difficult for both sides because it occurred during an online duplicate.

After West leads a low diamond, how should South play in four spades when overtricks are not important? How would his line change if he hoped to collect an overtrick? In addition, how would the defenders play?

North used the Jacoby Forcing Raise. South's jump to game indicated a minimum opening without a short side suit (singleton or void).

When overtricks are not an issue, declarer should win the first trick with dummy's diamond ace and play a spade to his ace (to guard against a 4-0 split). He draws trumps, cashes his three hearts, discarding a club from hand, and concedes one diamond and two clubs.

But when overtricks are valuable, it is certainly reasonable to take the diamond finesse at trick one. Here, though, it loses, and East will shift to a low club. After South also plays low, 99.99 percent of players would win with the club jack and cash the club ace. A few moments later, declarer will claim his contract.

The genius receiving a positive mental push will win trick two with the club ace and return the club jack. Then East can win with his king and give partner a club ruff to defeat the contract.

North 01-11-21
♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ A Q 8
♦ A Q
♣ 10 7 6 2

West
♠ 4
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ 10 8 7 6 5 3
♣ A J

East
♠ J 5 3
♥ 9 6 5 4
♦ K 4
♣ K 8 5 3

South
♠ A K 10 9 8
♥ K 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ Q 9 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	6	7			4	9	8	
1		9	6	7	8	5		
	4		9	3				
	2		4	1		3		5
	7			9			1	
3		1		2	6		4	
				4	5		3	
		6	3	8	9	2		1
	8	3	2			4	5	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	6	2	3	4	9	7	8	5
3	7	8	6	2	5	4	1	9
9	5	4	7	8	1	6	2	3
7	9	6	8	3	4	2	5	1
5	2	1	9	7	6	3	4	8
8	4	3	1	5	2	9	7	6
6	1	7	2	9	8	5	3	4
4	3	9	5	1	7	8	6	2
2	8	5	4	6	3	1	9	7

OBITUARIES

Beverly J. Tarantino

Oct. 28, 1931 – Jan. 8, 2021

Beverly's life began Oct. 28, 1931, in Benton Harbor, where she grew up and graduated from Benton Harbor High School.

In 1949, Beverly met John Tarantino at Silver Beach in St. Joseph. They married in 1950, and enjoyed 68 years of marriage before he passed in 2018.

She spent her lifetime living in Southwest Michigan until moving to Lansing to be closer to family. Beverly worked for Watervliet Public Schools for 19 years as the high school guidance counselor secretary.

Outside of work, she enjoyed being active in her community through the Lioness Club and MECCA, and she was a friend of the library. You could also find her enjoying golf, playing bingo or planning activities.

Beverly's greatest joy was spending time with her loving family, which includes three children, Gary (Eula) Tarantino, Gail Kessler and Bruce (Judy) Tarantino; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Beverly died Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Her husband, John; great-grandson, Collin Tarantino; parents, Jay and Doris (Becker) Means; brother, Donald Means; and son-in-law, Gary Kessler, preceded Beverly in death.

Hutchins Funeral Home is assisting Beverly's family with cremation, and her life will be celebrated this spring.

Leave a message of comfort for her family online at www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

Eldon Albert Reitz

Aug. 23, 1935 – Jan. 7, 2021

Eldon Albert Reitz, 85, of Baroda passed away on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

The family will be remembering Eldon privately.

Online condolences can be left at www.PikeFH.com.

Send flowers to the family, or plant a tree in memory of Eldon Albert Reitz.

Eldon was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Baroda, the son of late John R. Reitz and Olga A. (Pufall) Reitz. He married Jeanette (McNees) Strefling on May 3, 1958.

Eldon served in the Army's Company A 1st Infantry. He worked as a machinist at Lakeshore Metal, and was a part-time farmer. After retirement, he and Jan grew and sold fresh cut flowers from their homemade roadside stands.

Eldon loved to celebrate holidays and gatherings close to home at their personal pond. His passions were deer hunting in the U.P., playing euchre and visiting with friends in his garage.

Survivors include his children, Cheryl Schoenback, Michele (Rick) MacPherson and Denise (Scott) VanSchaardenburg; seven grandchildren, Maureen (Brad) Pliley, Kristin and Allison Schoenback, Alexa and Anika VanSchaardenburg, Ian MacPherson and Ardee Faultersack; great-granddaughter, Aubree Pliley; and siblings, Jeannette Kruse and Louise Reitz.

Eldon was preceded in death by his wife, Jan; his son, Steve; and his sisters, Marguerite Reck and Carlyn Graves.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Franklin J. Brower

Dec. 20, 1947 – Jan. 8, 2021

Franklin J. Brower, 73, of Watervliet, passed away Jan. 8, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, with burial following in Watervliet City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Memorial donations in Frank's memory can be made to Hanson Hospice Center.

Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family can do so online at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Frank was born Dec. 20, 1947, in Covert to James and Lucy (Nutting) Brower.

He was employed by Michigan Standard Alloy from 1967-79, and went on to work for Meijer, from which he retired in 2011.

Frank enjoyed coin collecting, traveling, going up north to Mackinac, and eating at Sidetrack Cafe with the guys. He also loved his four-legged companion, Buddy.

Frank is survived by his wife, Edie, whom he married June 10, 1967; his daughter, Sandy Brower of Benton Harbor; sister, Arlene Brower of Watervliet; and a cousin, Ernie Clapp of Kalamazoo. Also surviving are his brothers-in-law, Curtis, Aubrey and Lucian Gunn of Mississippi; and sisters-in-law, Gloria Dowty of Mississippi and Janet Burton of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Stanislaus Michael Mrozek Sr.

Nov. 28, 1943 – Jan. 4, 2021

Stanislaus Michael Mrozek Sr., 77, of New Buffalo died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 in La Porte, Ind.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel, 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so online at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

Stan was born Nov. 28, 1943, in New Buffalo to the late Peter and Mary (Oman) Mrozek.

He is survived by his children, Stan Mrozek Jr. of Yuma, Ariz., Mark Mrozek of La Porte, Michael Mrozek of La Porte, Alex Mrozek of Michigan City, Ind., Monica (Jacob) Tannehill of New Buffalo, Marilyn Mrozek of Walkerton, Ind., and Stephanie Mrozek of Ann Arbor, Mich.; five grandchildren, Cori, Michael, Madison, Hannah and Martin; and four great-grandchildren, Raelynn, Tynlee, Xavier and Zander. Stan was preceded in death by his brother, Peter Mrozek.

Stan worked for many years in the family business, Mrozek's Well and Drilling Co., and drove trucks cross country. He was an avid bowler, loved the casino, but especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Stan was also very proud of being a member of the New Buffalo Fire Department for about 40 years.

A celebration of life memorial gathering will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Sommerfeld Chapel.

Don Deward Jackson Jr.

April 28, 1927 – Dec. 29, 2020

Don Jackson Jr., 93, left this world on Dec. 29, 2020.

This wonderful, loving man also was known as Santa, Dad, Grampa, Uncle Don, Mr. Jackson, Don and Junior.

Don was born April 28, 1927, to Don Deward Jackson Sr. and Alice Elizabeth Traner Jackson in Texon, Texas.

Don's greatest love was his wife, Dorothy Jackson, whom he married in 1953, and continued to love beyond her passing in 2013.

In 1935, at the age of 8, Don moved from Texas to Michigan with his family and grandparents, Guy and Ruby Traner, the dog riding on the fender of the car the whole way. He graduated from Manistee High School in 1945.

Don was always one to go on an adventure. It didn't matter where, if you said "go," he was ready. As a father, he jingled his keys in his pocket until all of the family and all their traveling gear made it out the door and they were finally off like a "herd of turtles."

Don is a World War II veteran, and the GI Bill gave him the opportunity to receive his degree from Michigan State College (now Michigan State University). As a business major, he found himself in Bangor teaching school. Bangor is where he met his future wife, a fellow teacher. They first laid eyes on each other at a teacher's meeting at the beginning of the year, and were married the day after Christmas.

Don was a fervent advocate for his students, eventually receiving a master's degree from Western Michigan University and teaching special education in South Haven Public Schools. He retired in 1986.

Like his father, Don enjoyed chess. Together, they played in the yearly national chess tournament in Las Vegas. They set up chess clubs for the students in South Haven and Ludington, and after retirement, Don set up a chess club for the community. The chess club saw many ages and skill levels, and played against other chess players all over.

In 1984, at the age of 57, Don bought and began riding a bike. A month later, he rode from Eugene, Ore., to South Haven. From there, he decided to bike 100 miles in every state.

Don had many adventures with his little brother, Vic Jackson, including crossing off the final two states on their trips along the cold Alaskan highway and in tropical Hawaii. For many years, he participated in the PALM (Pedal Across Lower Michigan) bike ride, sometimes bringing numerous family members, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with him.

Don had a large family. He is survived by his children, Mary Jackson, Don (Julie) Jackson, Sue (Royce) Myers and Jenny (Alistair) McGill. Don also leaves behind his brother, Vic (Karen) Jackson. He was preceded in death by his sister, Gail (Art) Breece; and a grandchild, Kindra Dee Jackson. Don's loss is felt by his 11 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as his many friends.

Don Jackson was always a man with a smile and a kind word for you when you most needed it. Although his loved ones cannot gather at this time to celebrate his life, they hope to do so in the near future. To those he loves, his memory stays alive in the quiet of the woods or the beauty of a long bike path. His twinkling smile, listening ear and stories will be sorely missed.

Memorial contributions can be made in Don's honor to the charity of your choice.

Share thoughts and memories on the family's guest book online at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, 637-0333.

Cecil Ray Stice Sr.

Dec. 28, 1931 – Jan. 2, 2021

Cecil Ray Stice Sr., 89, went home to be with his Lord on Jan. 2, 2021. He passed away at home peacefully in his sleep after an extended illness.

Previously of Sawyer, he had been living in Tucson, Ariz., since May 2017.

He was born Dec. 28, 1931, in Poughkeepsie, Ark., to George Asbury Stice Sr. and Oleefie Carolyn Freeman Stice.

In March 1949, Cecil joined the Naval Reserves, headquartered at Great Lakes, Ill. From June 11-25, he served on the USS Brambling (AMS-42). He received an honorable discharge in January 1953.

Cecil was senior class president of, and graduated from, Baroda High School in 1950. He married Clairbell Korp on July 22, 1951, and together they raised four children. They remained married for 67 years, 8 ½ months.

Cecil, nicknamed "Hoss," served as a premiere tool and die and mold maker in Berrien County for 50 years, retiring in 1999. Many men in the industry were taught by Cecil through a tool and die and mold making program he helped develop at Lake Michigan College. Cecil developed and taught the master class for their final year.

Music was an abiding passion for Cecil. For many years he sang and played guitar in groups with several friends, including Donny Schlipp (accordion) and Milan Meade (drums) as "The Melodiers." Cecil sang lead vocals with his beautiful tenor voice. Cecil wrote the lyrics and music to several gospel songs.

He, Clair and Marvin Schinske traveled around the country, as "The Redeemed," sharing their Biblical message and honoring Jesus Christ. They recorded four albums in Nashville, Tenn.

Cecil was generous in the use of his many gifts and talents in helping others. He became a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, dedicating his life to serving his Lord at about age 40. He was a member and elder of New Troy Grace Brethren Church.

He is survived by his son, Cecil Ray (Lisa) Stice Jr. of Spring, Texas; daughter, Skeeter Savage, of Covert; daughter, Amy Lynne (Robert) Cline of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Christine (Drake) Stice of Savannah, Ga.; 11 grandchildren, Sony Elise, Israel (Brook) Wayne, Mercy Mensinger, Grace Savage, Glory (John) Springer, Bethany (Jeff) Sly, Robert Bruce Cline Jr., Cara (Ricky) Williams, Hamilton Byrne Cline, Tristan Stice and Ariel Stice. Cecil had 16 deeply loved great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews, whom he loved.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Clairbell; his son, Cary Alan Stice; his father and mother; brother, George Asbury Stice Jr.; brother, Freeman Lucien Stice; and sister, Tommie June Tomayo Stahl.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at New Troy Grace Brethren Church. Viewing will be from 10-11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at New Troy Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to New Troy Grace Brethren Church, 13310 California Road, P.O. Box 67, New Troy, MI 49119.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

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Death notices

Donna Brummett, 66, of Watervliet died Dec. 30, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gary Dean Butzbach, 69, of Baroda died Jan. 8, 2021, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Grant Gondrezick, 57, of Stevensville died Jan. 7, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

John Heath, 86, of St. Joseph died Jan. 9, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Janice Hild, 76, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 6, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Don Deward Jackson Jr., 93, died Dec. 29, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Shirley Killion, 64, of Niles died Jan. 6, 2021. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Maxine E. Kreiger, 90, died Jan. 9, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Todd Douglas Marschke, 56, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., died Jan. 8, 2021, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Stanislaus Michael Mrozek Sr., 77, of New Buffalo died Jan. 4, 2021, in La Porte, Ind. Sommerfeld Chapel, New Buffalo, 469-2233.

Eldon Albert Reitz, 85, of Baroda died Jan. 7, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Dennis E. Scheer, 86, of Three Oaks and Bonita Springs, Fla., died Jan. 8, 2021. Pike Funeral Home, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Robert Slappy, 68, formerly of Benton Harbor, died Dec. 31, 2020, at Spectrum Health United Hospital in Greenville, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Cecil Ray Stice Sr., 89, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Sawyer, died Jan. 2, 2021, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Beverly J. Tarantino, 89, of Lansing, formerly of Coloma, died Jan. 8, 2021. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

James Lloyd Whisenant, 79, of Niles died Jan. 8, 2021, at home. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Service, Niles, 683-3000.

William Howard Whitcomb, 78, of Hart, Mich., died Jan. 9, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Correen Wilburn, 69, died Jan. 4, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

James Lloyd Whisenant

Dec. 7, 1941 – Jan. 8, 2021

James Lloyd Whisenant, 79, of Niles, father, brother, friend to many, honorable U.S. Navy veteran, TV repairman and cannon builder, died peacefully Friday afternoon, Jan. 8, 2021, at home following a fight against cancer.

His family is grateful for the kind and skilled care offered by the staff of hospice.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1941, in Coloma to Lloyd B. and Gladys M. (Barnwell) Whisenant.

He graduated from Eau Claire High School, and has lived in Niles most of his life.

Jim enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1959. He served most of his tour onboard the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain as an ordnanceman, and was present when the U.S.'s first manned space flight, Freedom 7, was recovered. He was honorably discharged four years later.

He was a member of American Legion Post 26 in Niles and AMVETS Post 1978 in Niles, where he also served as bartender and participated in league pool tournaments. He had a great knowledge of the Scriptures, studied American history, enjoyed shooting sports, and was a prolific builder of cannons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by brothers, Dave Whisenant and Bill Whisenant.

Surviving family includes his daughter, Jennifer Jbouri of Mishawaka, Ind.; a sister, Sandy Whisenant, and brother, John Whisenant, both of Dowagiac; and several nieces and nephews.

The family of Jim Whisenant will gather with relatives and friends at his graveside in Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs for committal services. The service will conclude with full military honors by the U.S. Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post 85 of Berrien Springs. Attendance will be limited, masks required, and social distancing practiced.

Contributions in memory of Jim Whisenant may be made to AMVETS Post 1978, 1117 E. Bertrand Road, Niles, MI 49120.

Arrangements were made at Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 E. Main St., Niles. Online condolences can be left at www.halbritterwickens.com.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

Michigan now has an official state reptile. Gov. John Engler signed into law a bill naming the painted turtle as the official state reptile during ceremonies in Lansing. John Marazita III and Lacy Hutchings are fifth graders at Brandywine Elementary School in Niles who pushed for the legislation. Engler recorded a videotaped message to be shown to Brandywine students telling them they had witnessed "democracy in action."

1986 – 35 years ago

The Berrien County Bar Association is sponsoring an essay contest for seventh, eighth and ninth graders to promote the local observance of Law Day on May 1. The theme for the essays will be "Foundations of Freedom." Students are invited to "express their thoughts and ideas regarding the privileges Americans enjoy because of the historical foundations of our system, which has liberty and justice for all as its goal," according to a news release. Judging will be done by the Berrien County Legal Secretary's Association.

1971 – 50 years ago

Construction of a 150-seat theater began this week at Scotty's Place Restaurant in New Buffalo. The new dinner playhouse will be located in the present Walnut Room in the upstairs portion of the restaurant. Owner Mort Balch said the price of admission will include dinner and the play. The theater will be available to social clubs, church groups and similar organizations for fundraisers and benefit performances.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2021. There are 353 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 12, 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Illinois v. Wardlow, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

On this date:

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette – it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers
37°	30°	40° / 31°	39° / 32°	35° / 26°	31° / 23°

Local Outlook

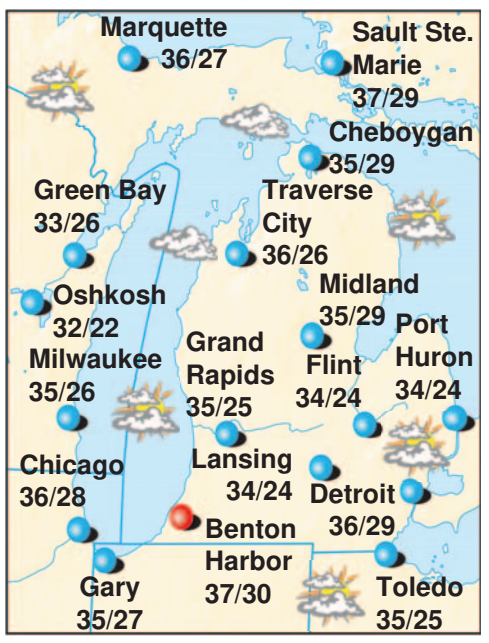
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 37°, humidity of 73%. Southwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 30°. Southwest wind 10 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 23°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:12 a.m.
Sunset	5:36 p.m.
Moonrise	7:57 a.m.
Moonset	5:01 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
1/13	1/20	1/28	2/4

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	29°
Low	20°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	59° in 2018
Record Low	-4° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.76"
Normal for month	0.60"
Year to date	0.76"
Normal Year to date	0.60"

Air Quality

Yesterday	76
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

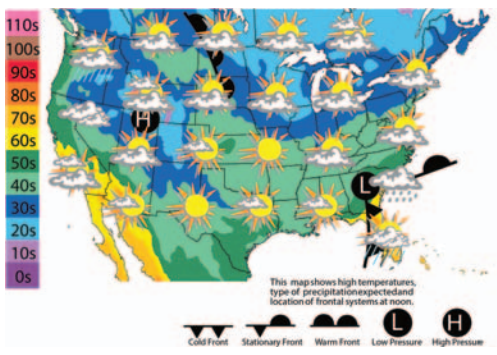
Weather Trivia

What kind of fog is found in the mountains?

Answer: Upslope fog.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 12, 2021



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Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 11 to 15 kt. A chance of drizzle. Waves around 3 ft. Water temperature 35 degrees. Tonight, SW wind around 14 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with highs in the 30s. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s and 40s. Southwest wind 15 mph.

House speeding to impeach Trump for Capitol 'insurrection'

By LISA MASCARO, BILL BARROW and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead Monday with plans to oust President Donald Trump from office, warning he is a threat to democracy and pushing the vice president and Cabinet to act even more quickly in an extraordinary effort to remove Trump in the final days of his presidency.

Trump faces a single charge – "incitement of insurrection" – after the deadly Capitol riot in an impeachment resolution that the House will begin debating Wednesday.

At the same time, the FBI warned ominously on Monday of potential armed protests in Washington and many states by Trump loyalists ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, Jan. 20. In a dark foreshadowing, the Washington Monument was being closed to the public amid the threats of disruption. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf abruptly resigned.

It all adds up to stunning final moments for Trump's presidency as Democrats and a growing number of Republicans declare that he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.

"President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government," reads the four-page impeachment bill.

"He will remain a threat to national security, democracy, and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office," it reads.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is summoning lawmakers back to Washington for votes, and Democrats aren't the only ones who say Trump needs to go. A small number of House Republicans may vote to impeach him, while others at least want to vote for censure. Former GOP Speaker John Boehner said "it's time" for Trump to resign.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, joined GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

As security tightened, Biden said Monday he was "not afraid" of taking the oath of office outside – as is traditionally done at the Capitol's west steps, one of the areas where people stormed the building.

As for the rioters, Biden said, "It is critically important that there'll be a real serious focus on holding those folks who engaged in sedition and threatening the lives, defacing public property, caused great damage – that they be held accountable."

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New ladder truck

In another matter, the city commission authorized the purchase of a new $1.35 million ladder truck for the fire department, and directed public safety staff to pursue funding options and bring them to the next commission meeting.

Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker said its 2002 fire truck, with a 105-foot aerial tower, was purchased in 2003 with about 20,000 miles on it.

Neubecker said the make and model of that unit is prone to mechanical failure and has proven to have above-average maintenance costs. Due to those factors and the age of the truck, city staff has been preparing to replace the unit and had planned to do so in 2022 at an estimated cost of $1.4 million.

But in December, severe mechanical failings were found, particularly a cracked and split frame, that has rendered the unit unusable.

Neubecker said his department sought a second opinion, and both inspection reports are consistent and repairs are estimated at between $375,000 and $425,000, or possibly higher.

Officials believe it does not make sense to spend so much on repairs on a vehicle so near its useful end. The department of public safety and firefighting personnel have researched a replacement truck and concluded that Pierce Manufacturing provides the best fit for the department. Other vehicles in the fleet are from Pierce and the department has been pleased with the quality over the past 22 years, Neubecker said.

The recommended vehicle is a Velocity, custom chassis, 100-foot mid-mount platform truck built by Pierce, at a cost of $1,354,978. This unit is already in the process of being built at the Pierce factory and is scheduled to be completed this June or July. Purchasing a vehicle that is already in production would save several months.

Deputy Director Jeremy Connell said the life expectancy of the unit is 20 to 30 years for a city the size of St. Joseph.

City commissioners authorized staff to indicate to Pierce Manufacturing the desire to purchase the new fire apparatus at a cost of $1,3554,978, and to prepare purchase documents and proposals for financing.

"I don't look at this as an expense," said Mayor Mike Garey. "This is an investment in safety, and it's just what we have to do."

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COVID-19

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appointment. Clinics are by appointment only and are not open to the general public, according to the release.

The BCHD and Lakeland will use the wait lists as the primary means of confirming eligibility and notifying community members when they are able to schedule a vaccination.

"Please note: completing either vaccine survey does not mean individuals will be scheduled for an appointment immediately," health officials wrote in the release. "Vaccine supplies continue to be limited and are allocated to Berrien County by the state week by week. Both Spectrum Health Lakeland and the health department are asking for continued patience as planning is ongoing and appointment availability continues to expand."

For more information, and to find out what phase you're in, call 1-800-815-5485, or visit bchdmi.org/COVID19 or spectrumhealthlakeland.org/COVID19.

Data update

On Saturday, the BCHD began recording presumed COVID-19 deaths on its data dashboard.

The BCHD posted that there have been 15 presumed deaths in the county since the beginning of the pandemic. The BCHD also included these presumed deaths in the age, race and gender breakdown, which showed that they were all people over the age of 60, according to the dashboard.

No new confirmed deaths were reported over the weekend, keeping the county's confirmed death toll at 183.

Berrien County recorded 133 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. That's a similar total to the 139 new cases added last weekend, but still up from 76 the weekend before.

During the same three days, the county added 289 new recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 1,474 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 1,805 last Monday.

COVID-19 hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland continued on their steady decline over the weekend. The hospital reported 40 patients Saturday morning, 38 Sunday morning and 39 Monday morning.

No new COVID-19 outbreaks were reported at area schools this week by the state.

The state updated its long-term care facility COVID data on Monday as well, showing that outbreaks at the facilities in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties continue to decline.

Just one new resident case, seven new staff cases and two new resident deaths were reported at Berrien County long-term care facilities. Van Buren County facilities had two new resident deaths and two new staff cases.

The Timbers of Cass County had four new resident cases and two resident deaths, according to the report.

Van Buren County recorded three new COVID-19 deaths over the weekend, while Cass County added one.

The counties continue to see an average of about 20-25 new cases a day.

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CHICKERING

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consuming than I had anticipated. Once you get into the flow of it, they are things that you look forward to doing because there are so many great things that are happening in all of those places.

Do you have any hobbies?

Beyond the normal, reading, travel, yard work and lots of golf, I refinish furniture as a hobby. I like it because it is different from having to think things through as a lawyer. It's more hands-on. You have to apply lots of different talents in determining what wood is and how you can make it look better, whether it's removing old finishes or applying new finishes or repairing damaged furniture so it can be refinished. You can put some music on in the background and I can spend several hours in one shot. It's been fun.

What kind of furniture do you refinish?

Everything from things like old cigar boxes to end tables and dressers. I did an old ice box. The kind where you put a chunk of ice in the bottom and it cools everything. These are fun things. My wife and I like wooden furniture. This is something I picked up from my parents when I was a kid because they were big antiquers.

Do you still have the ice box?

Yes. Right now, it's on our lower level storing a whole bunch of old pictures. It actually could be functional. It still has all the zinc lining and everything. But we have much more efficient coolers these days.

Are you planning to refinish more furniture now that you're retired from the county?

I don't know. We're going to have to work this out. We've been through such a tough year of non-normal. A lot of my existing projects went on hold. I'm sure I will because I really enjoy it, but how does it fit in with, hopefully, some new travel, seeing the grandkids and things like that?

I have three little granddaughters. The oldest one is 5 years old, in Cincinnati with my son and his wife. We don't get enough time with them since they're so far away. We're going to try to spend more time with them once the pandemic calms down a bit. My daughter is in New Orleans. She's an assistant U.S. attorney in New Orleans.

I would like to see my grandkids. It's one thing to see them on a Zoom call. It's another to get your hands on them. The girls love the beach, and we love having them here.

There's lots and lots of things that I want to do and Fran wants to do while we still can.

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GUNS

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week that he would support an open carry ban after violence erupted at the U.S. Capitol by a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters.

A spokeswoman for incoming House Speaker Jason Wentworth said he wants everyone to abide by the rule, even though he doesn't believe the commission had the right to issue it.

"The speaker is grateful for the work of the Capitol Commission, but it does not have the authority to set policy in the Capitol," Lynn Afendoulis said in a news release. "The speaker will be looking at options for handling that moving forward. In the meantime, the Michigan State Police will be enforcing the new ruling."

Commission Vice Chair John Truscott said the commission doesn't write policy but is ready to address general security issues. He said state government will have to fund it.

"We don't have a budget for security measures, so in reality, the governor and Legislature would have to deal with it," Truscott said. "We've gone as far as we can go with the budget constraints we have."

Some of the anti-government extremists accused in a plot to kidnap Whitmer had carried guns at lockdown protests at the Capitol last spring. Prosecutors say the accused ringleader initially talked of recruiting 200 men to storm the building, take hostages and "execute tyrants." A secondary plan involved locking exits and setting the statehouse on fire, according to court documents.

The FBI has warned of plans for armed protests at all state capitals and in Washington, D.C., in the days leading up to President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. Michigan State Police will increase its visible and unseen presence at the Capitol for the next couple weeks, spokeswoman Shanon Banner said in an email Monday.

The Michigan Democratic Party issued a statement saying that though it applauds the fact the commission has "finally put their authority to use," it is not enough and that all firearms should be banned inside the Capitol.

hp SPORTS

Ohio State vs. Alabama

■ Results of Monday night's College Football Playoff national championship game were unavailable at deadline.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Local football players earn all-region honors

By HP STAFF

Several local football players earned all-region honors this season from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Lakeshore and St. Joseph each put four players on the Division 3, Region 10 team. Lancers honored were offensive lineman Kaleb Tollefson, defensive lineman Evin Koeppe, linebacker Treyjen Keim and defensive back Grant Ruddell. Bears chosen were offensive lineman Logan Veldman, wide receiver Griffin Shinrock, defensive lineman Sam Simpson and defensive back Brennen Kerns.

In Division 5, Region 19, South Haven had three players selected – offensive lineman Preston Calvert, running back Trevor Winkel and linebacker Trent Till.

Many players made the Division 6, Region 23 team. Coloma selections were wide receiver Cody Palgen, quarterback Drew Goodline, defensive lineman Jonen Bravo and defensive back Noah Schwanke. Watervliet players chosen were running back Don Smith, linebacker Connor Underwood and defensive back Evan Hutchins. Also honored were Buchanan linebacker Gavin Fazi and defensive back Johnny Rager, and Brandywine defensive back Gabe Gouin. Buchanan coach Mark Frey was named a regional coach of the year.

Also earning coach of the year honors was Bridgman's Aaron Locke in eight-player Division 1, Region 1. Three of his players were also selected – quarterback Reid Haskins, running back Nate Necas, and defensive back Jayce Warren.

Brett Duke / AP

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky walks off the field after Sunday's 21-9 playoff loss to New Orleans.

The window of mediocrity

Bears facing several decisions after back-to-back 8-win seasons

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears looked as if they were propping open a championship window when they captured the NFC North at 12-4 two years ago.

Back-to-back .500 regular seasons later, changes could be coming.

The Bears head into the offseason with some big issues to address after going 8-8 in the regular season for the second year in a row, starting with whether general manager Ryan Pace or coach Matt Nagy will be retained.

Though they made the playoffs for the second time in three years, they got knocked out in convincing fashion by New Orleans in a wild-card game on Sunday.

"We gave ourselves a shot," star receiver Allen Robinson said Monday. "Obviously we haven't gotten the outcome that we wanted."

The biggest question is what the Bears decide on Pace and Nagy. That will be up to chairman George McCaskey.

The Bears dropped eight of their final 11 games counting the playoff loss to New Orleans. A six-game skid – their worst since 2002 – following a 5-1 start turned up the heat on Pace and Nagy.

Chicago jumped back into contention by winning three in a row against struggling teams before closing the regular season with a loss to Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

The Bears reached the postseason as the seventh seed in an expanded field because Arizona fell to the Los Angeles Rams in Week 17. Chicago then lost 21-9 at New Orleans, failing to score a touchdown until Jimmy Graham caught one on the final play.

"When you look at it that way and you say you lost this many heading into the end of it, I think what we need to do as a staff is we've gotta say, 'Why is that? Where is it? And how do we get better?'" Nagy said after the game.

It's not just Pace and Nagy who have uncertain futures. Robinson and quarterback Mitchell Trubisky have expiring contracts.

Trubisky's future

Trubisky said he wants to remain in Chicago.

Whether the Bears want to keep

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The wait is almost over for NHL teams that missed playoffs

Duane Burleson / AP

Detroit Red Wings center Christoffer Ehn (70) is congratulated by center Dylan Larkin (71) after scoring against the Carolina Hurricanes during the second period of a March 10, 2020 game.

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Jack Hughes of the New Jersey Devils hadn't had a layoff like this since ... ever?

More than 100 NHL players from New Jersey, Buffalo, Anaheim, Los Angeles, San Jose, Ottawa, and Detroit have not played a meaningful hockey game since the league paused play in early March because of the pandemic. Ten long months.

"I don't think I've had, I guess, 10 months of no games my whole life," said the 19-year-old Hughes, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 draft. "So, obviously, something new. But I mean, games are like riding a bike, you could say. If you're a hockey player, it's something that comes naturally."

It has been an eternity for Hughes and the rest in a sport predicated on rhythm, repetition and teamwork, a boring stretch unimaginable to athletes whose lives have followed a schedule that has rarely changed for years.

As kids, they played pee-wee hockey at all hours of the day. When the rink wasn't available, the pond was. The long rides to tournaments, the steady drumbeat of practices and workouts. Most of all, there were games.

The games finally return for everyone with a compressed 56-game season that begins this week. It will be a fresh start for the 24 teams that made the postseason when play resumed Aug. 11. It will be something more than that to the other seven whose players had weeks on end without hockey.

Hughes spent time in Michigan to work out out with his brothers, Quinn of the Vancouver Canucks and Luke, one of the top prospects in juniors. He spent five days a

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ANALYSIS

Carlos Osorio / AP

Detroit Pistons forward Jerami Grant grabs a rebound during the first half of Sunday's game against Utah.

Jerami Grant's play outshines Pistons' poor 2-8 start

By ROD BEARD
The Detroit News (TNS)

The Pistons' rough start to the season has been what many experts predicted.

Not that anyone was expecting an NBA Finals appearance this year.

There's no sugarcoating their 2-8 record, which has been wrought with a mostly new roster trying to build chemistry, some porous defense and plenty of young players quickly adjusting to the league.

That's one way of gauging where the Pistons are.

Another is a deeper look at what they've set out to do with their rebuild. They got three first-round picks, including Killian Hayes with the No. 7 pick. The revamped their roster to get two other picks to get Isaiah Stewart (16th) and Saddiq Bey (19th) and also added a second-round pick to select Saben Lee.

They committed to Jerami Grant for three years and $60 million in what some deemed an overpay for a secondary player who hasn't shown that he can handle the spotlight as a go-to scorer. More than that, they took chances on Mason Plumlee, Josh Jackson and Jahlil Okafor to complement the roster that just seemed to be cobbled together on new general manager Troy Weaver's whims, ahead of the quick start to the season.

It's still too early to make any sweeping proclamations, but the early returns are showing some positives in the plan to take the first steps toward respectability in the East.

Here are five early takeaways from the start to the Pistons' season:

1. Jerami Grant is the real deal: Any reservations about whether Grant could take on a bigger role with the Pistons have been answered already. He's been everything they hoped – and maybe even a little bit more. Grant has scored 20-plus points in the last nine games and is averaging 25.1 points and 6.2 rebounds and has shown an ability to create his own shot, getting to the rim with relative ease and to be a reliable 3-pointer shooter (38%). He's become their primary scorer and the Pistons player that defenses must plan around. If he continues

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Babcock in for NHL broadcasts on NBC

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

Mike Milbury is out and Mike Babcock is in for NBC Sports' coverage of the NHL this season.

Milbury had been with the network since 2008 after coaching the Bruins and serving as coach and general manager of the Islanders.

He stepped away from broadcasting during the 2020 playoffs after drawing widespread criticism for saying players should be more focused in the league's coronavirus bubble because there were "not even any women here to disrupt your concentration."

"It's an unfortunate situation with Mike," executive producer Sam Flood said Monday. "Mike is a friend. He's a unique talent, and he's given a lot to NBC and the NHL over the years. It was time to separate for a number of reasons."

Asked later for details, Flood declined to elaborate. Milbury's ouster is the second in less than a year for the NHL on NBC, which parted ways with Jeremy Roenick in February after suspending the former player for making inappropriate comments about coworkers.

In a statement, NBC Sports said: "We are grateful to Mike for all of his contributions to our coverage for 14 years, but he will not be returning to our NHL announce team. We wish him well."

Milbury in August apologized for his on-air remark about women, saying in a statement: "It was not my intention to disrespect anyone. I was trying to be irreverent and took it a step too far. It was a regrettable mistake that I take seriously."

Babcock, an NHL head coach for 17 seasons, joins NBC Sports more than a year after being fired by Toronto. The 2008 Stanley Cup-winning coach came under fire late last year for tactics that some considered to be mental abuse.

Flood said a representative for Babcock reached out about doing some work during the playoffs, and the network decided in light of pandemic protocols to wait until this season.

Asked twice on a season-opening conference call about the decision to hire Babcock, Flood gave terse, brief answers.

"We looked at everything," Flood said. "We've had a full process of conversations, as we do with anyone we bring in onto the team."

Flood said he got to know Babcock more than a decade ago and called him "a fascinating, insightful man. I think he'll be a great addition to the team."

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him – and whether there is a better option through a trade or free agency – is another matter.

"Obviously a lot of that is out of my control, but it feels like home and it feels like we have unfinished business," Trubisky said.

The No. 2 pick in the 2017 draft, Trubisky has had his ups and downs in Chicago. He made the Pro Bowl as an alternate in 2018, only to take a step back the following year.

The Bears acquired Nick Foles from Jacksonville in the offseason and declined the fifth-year option for 2021 on their once-prized quarterback. Trubisky opened this season as the starter, only to get benched in favor of Foles during a Week 3 win at Atlanta. He returned to the lineup in late November and appeared more comfortable, with the Bears calling more rollouts rather than have him drop back to pass.

A-Rob's market

Robinson said "everything is pretty much on the table," whether it's re-signing with the Bears or joining another team. Chicago could also slap the franchise tag on him.

No matter what happens, he's in for a big payday.

Robinson caught a career-high 102 passes. And his 1,250 yards were second only to the 1,400 he had with Jacksonville in his 2015 Pro Bowl season.

Robinson said he has a "great fondness" for the city and the organization. But? "Sometimes in things like this there are more things that weigh out than just fondness," he said.

The Bears could wind up paying a big price for not agreeing to an extension with Robinson, whether they keep him or lose their leading receiver.

"From my standpoint, I personally feel like we had an opportunity to be able to get something done over the past 365 days," he said. "But again, I don't know that that really affects me too much as far as however things play out."

Getting defensive

Chicago's defense ranked among the top 10 for much of the season. But that group looked more vulnerable as the year progressed.

The Bears ranked 11th overall. But they tied for 25th in the NFL in takeaways with 18 and finished with 35 sacks, 17th in the league.

Three-time All-Pro Khalil Mack had nine sacks in his second straight season finishing in single digits.

Breakthrough

Running back David Montgomery will look to build on a breakout season. A third-round draft pick in 2019, he ran for 1,070 yards and eight touchdowns. He also had 438 yards receiving and two TD catches.

Montgomery was helped down the stretch by a revamped offensive line, running for 598 yards and seven touchdowns in the final six regular-season games.

Final kick

Kicker Cairo Santos set a franchise record for consecutive field goals made and gave the Bears the stability they'd been seeking since they cut Robbie Gould prior to the 2016 season.

Santos made his final 27 attempts in the regular season plus a 36-yarder on his lone try on Sunday. Gould held the Bears previous records for consecutive field goals made in a season (24 in 2006) and overall (26 from 2005-06).

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at this pace, Grant could be in line for All-Star consideration or possibly for Most Improved Player at the end of the season.

2. Hayes' injury hurts: When Hayes went down because of a torn labrum in his right hip, the biggest part of the Pistons' rebuilding plan went with him. It's still not clear how long Hayes could be, but the fact that it's listed on the injury report as a sprain could lean more toward Hayes not needing surgery. Either way, it could be a while for him to go through rehab and get back to playing form. Even in the seven games he did play, Hayes wasn't lighting up the stat sheet, with 4.6 points, 3.6 rebounds and a miserable 28 percent field-goal percentage. One thing to keep in mind is that Hayes is just 19 years old and isn't in the same development phase as the Sacramento Kings' Tyrese Haliburton or the Celtics' Payton Pritchard, who are older. In the Pistons' building timeline, Hayes likely could take another year or two – and maybe more after this injury.

3. Weaver drafted well: When he came from Oklahoma City, Troy Weaver was highly regarded for his eye for talent, and it has shown in his draft picks. Saddiq Bey has been an excellent pickup and has slotted immediately into the rotation, where he's getting big minutes with the second unit and has had three starts. He played in the closing minutes of the win over the Phoenix Suns, which shows coach Dwane Casey's faith in the rookie's readiness. Isaiah Stewart has been just as good, as an energy boost off the bench. He's been a find because of his offensive rebounding, which has been critical, especially at his size. Saben Lee has been good in his short stints, after looking simply to be a developmental player.

4. The schedule hasn't been kind: Of the Pistons' first 10 games, eight were against teams with a record of .500 or better. In the last seven, the Pistons have gotten both of their wins, against the Boston Celtics and Phoenix Suns. They've scrapped to stay close in most of their games, despite falling behind in double digits and having to whittle away for a chance in the fourth quarter. They haven't really been blown out in lopsided games, which is a good sign, but they'll need to find the right rhythm and lineups, which could entail shortening the rotation below the 11 players that Casey has used in many of the games.

5. Development is underway: In a shortened offseason, the Pistons didn't get to do the development work they would have done in a normal season. That'll be critical as they try to do as much as they can during the season, with an eye on significant jumps for the young players next summer. Though they won't have their own franchise in the G League bubble, they can have their players be flexed to join other rosters. That could be the case with Deividas Sirvydis, who doesn't look to be part of the rotation now.

"Sirvydis is a more a guy who's developing and still picking up things," Casey said. "He's an excellent shooter and he's done an excellent job with his body over there Europe. There are only so many guys we can develop at it one time."

The problem with the G League bubble is that NBA players will have to quarantine for a week before entering that bubble, then another week before they come back to the NBA bubble.

A young player like Saben lee also could benefit, but with their injury issues at point guard, potentially losing him for two weeks in quarantine isn't likely.

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days a week in the gym and focused on eating healthy to add 14 pounds to his 165-pound frame.

Jack Eichel of the Sabres spent a lot time reflecting on how fast his first five years in the NHL went. Kyle Palmieri of the Devils returned to his family's farming roots and grew a garden (he said the carrots needed more patience).

Other players took up hobbies or pumped iron, skated when they could and simply let their bodies heal at a leisurely rate. Devils center Travis Zajac, 35, said he felt great a week into camp.

What's uncertain is how the teams coming back from the hiatus will perform. Will they be fresher? A step slow?

"I think that's the million-dollar question that everybody's searching for," said Sharks defenseman Erik Karlsson, who joined the league in 2009. "But at the end of the day, we don't have much of a choice. It's what we're going to have to do. I think that we're going to navigate through it the best way that we think we know how."

Sabres defenseman Jake McCabe said the last 10 months were like an extended "Groundhog Day," filled over and over with uncertainty and concerns. There were good times, too. He and his wife, Gaby, had a baby girl in April so they had a chance to watch her grow together.

"She's already eight months old, which reminds me just how long we've been in this pandemic," McCabe said. "Now she finally gets to see what her dad does for work so that'll be fun to get back on the ice. It really is crazy how long it's been."

During the pause, the Kings sent five players to Germany and had a couple of prospects playing in Sweden. With training camp now open, Kings coach Todd McLellan said players are making progress getting their hands, timing and awareness back.

There were no preseason games, he noted, so picking a team will be challenging.

"Hopefully we have done our homework better than the other groups," McLellan said.

The Red Wings are eager to start. They had the worst record by far last season and general manager Steve Yzerman didn't shell out a lot of money in free agency to bring in top talent.

Detroit coach Jeff Blashill has held high-intensity practices. He also is hoping the three extra days of practice for non-playoff teams will help.

Forward Drake Batherson, who has skated in 43 games with the Senators over the past two seasons, worked out for two months in Nova Scotia with a group of players that included Sidney Crosby of the Penguins. The 22-year-old arrived for camp in mid-December and his approach has been simple.

"I think you have to come to the rink every day, treating it like a game and showing every practice matters and you want to make the team," Batherson said.

Ducks general manager Bob Murray said he is worried about the every-day challenges with the pandemic spiking across North America. NHL teams will have taxi squads to call up extra players in case of positive tests or contact tracing.

"It's a real interesting puzzle," Murray said. "You've really got to think, and you have to be ready for hurdles and curveballs every single day. Things are going to be different."

Kings coach Dallas Eakins felt humbled to be back at work, and at the same time lucky.

"There are so many people out there who have suffered and who are still suffering,' Eakins said. "We've been allowed to come back and follow our passion. Our guys are very sensitive to it and we feel a great privilege to be able to come back."

NBA calls off 2 more games over virus-related concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA called off two more games because of COVID-related and contact tracing issues on Monday, and a person with knowledge of the situation said the Miami Heat were preparing to be without "at least five" players for the next several days because of possible exposure to the coronavirus.

Monday's game in Dallas between the Mavericks and the New Orleans Pelicans was postponed by the league, as well as Tuesday's matchup in Chicago between the Bulls and the Boston Celtics. The league's general managers were meeting Monday to discuss the league's current virus situation, with involvement from the National Basketball Players Association. The NBA's board of governors will meet Tuesday on the topic.

The latest postponements come one day after Miami's game in Boston was called off because of contact-tracing issues within the Heat. The Celtics would have had only the league-minimum eight available players for that game – after seven were ruled out in accordance with the league's health and safety protocols for playing amid the ongoing pandemic. Miami's Avery Bradley, who did not play in the NBA's restart bubble last season out of concern about exposure to the virus, was also ruled out of that game because of the protocols.

Miami scheduled a flight from Boston to Philadelphia on Monday night in advance of a game there Tuesday, but was preparing to leave some players behind or send some home separately because of the tracing results, said a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because those details were not publicly released. The identities of those players was not revealed, and it is unclear if other members of the Heat travel party were affected.

PGA removes major championship from Trump National in 2022

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The PGA of America cut ties to President Donald Trump when it voted Sunday to take the PGA Championship event away from his New Jersey golf course next year.

The vote comes four days after the Trump-fueled riot at the nation's Capitol as Congress was certifying the election victory of President-elect Joe Biden. This is the second time in just over five years the PGA of America removed one of its events from a Trump course.

PGA President Jim Richerson says the board voted to exercise its right to "terminate the agreement" with Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey.

"We find ourselves in a political situation not of our making," Seth Waugh, the CEO of the PGA of America, said in a telephone interview. "We're fiduciaries for our members, for the game, for our mission and for our brand. And how do we best protect that? Our feeling was given the tragic events of Wednesday that we could no longer hold it at Bedminster. The damage could have been irreparable. The only real course of action was to leave."

The PGA of America, which has some 29,000 golf professionals who mostly teach the game, signed the deal with Trump National in 2014.

It canceled the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in 2015 at Trump National Los Angeles Golf Club after Trump's disparaging remarks about Mexican immigrants when he announced he was seeking the Republican nomination for president.

The shocking insurrection Wednesday rattled the country, and in golf circles, attention quickly focused on whether the PGA of America would keep its premier championship – and one of golf's four major championships – at Trump's course in 2022.

The Trump Organization said in a statement it has "a beautiful partnership with the PGA of America and are incredibly disappointed with their decision."

"This is a breach of a binding contract and they have no right to terminate the agreement," the statement said. "As an organization we have invested many, many millions of dollars in the 2022 PGA Championship at Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster. We will continue to promote the game of golf on every level and remain focused on operating the finest golf courses anywhere in the world."

SCOREBOARD

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 9
Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24
Los Angeles Rams 30, Seattle 20
Tampa Bay 31, Washington 23
Sunday, Jan. 10
Baltimore 20, Tennessee 13
New Orleans 21, Chicago 9
Cleveland 48 Pittsburgh 37

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 16
Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 17
Cleveland at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 6:40 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP Top 25 Men's Basketball Poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (63)	12-0	1599	1
2. Baylor (1)	11-0	1536	2
3. Villanova	8-1	1436	3
4. Texas	10-1	1422	4
5. Iowa	11-2	1322	5
6. Kansas	10-2	1220	6
7. Michigan	10-0	1161	10
8. Creighton	10-2	1151	7
9. Wisconsin	10-2	1110	8
10. Tennessee	9-1	1093	9
11. Houston	10-1	993	11
12. Clemson	9-1	747	19
13. West Virginia	9-4	701	14
14. Illinois	9-4	694	12
15. Texas Tech	10-3	689	18
16. Louisville	8-1	464	-
17. Missouri	7-2	436	13
18. Virginia	7-2	403	22
19. Duke	5-2	397	21
20. Virginia Tech	9-2	286	19
21. Ohio St.	9-3	280	-
22. Oregon	9-2	264	17
23. Minnesota	10-4	233	16
24. Saint Louis	7-1	220	23
25. UConn	6-1	181	-

Others receiving votes: Alabama 173, UCLA 137, Colorado 96, Florida St. 74, Southern Cal 48, Rutgers 46, Drake 42, Michigan St. 34, Oklahoma St. 28, Arkansas 24, San Diego St. 10, Boise St. 8, Florida 7, Xavier 7, LSU 7, Northwestern 6, Tulsa 5, NC State 5, Indiana 2, Winthrop 2, Belmont 1.

The AP Top 25 Women's Basketball Poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Stanford (29)	10-0	747	1
2. Louisville	10-0	696	2
3. NC State (1)	10-0	680	3
4. UConn	7-0	678	3
5. South Carolina	8-1	647	5
6. Baylor	8-1	589	6
7. Texas A&M	12-0	580	8
8. UCLA	7-2	532	9
9. Maryland	9-1	479	12
10. Oregon	9-2	454	11
11. Arizona	8-2	437	7
12. Kentucky	9-3	417	10
13. Michigan	9-0	400	15
14. Mississippi St.	8-2	386	14
15. Ohio St.	6-0	297	16
16. South Florida	9-1	270	18
17. Arkansas	10-4	253	13
18. Indiana	7-3	192	19
19. DePaul	6-3	190	20
20. Gonzaga	10-2	139	21
21. Texas	8-2	125	17
22. Northwestern	6-2	108	22
23. Tennessee	8-1	90	-
24. Syracuse	5-1	77	24
25. Washington St	7-1	73	-

Others receiving votes: Missouri St. 61, Georgia 51, South Dakota St. 39, West Virginia 15, Michigan St. 15, Alabama 14, Arizona St. 7, Rice 5, Iowa 5, North Carolina 1, IUPUI 1.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	3	0	1.000	8	1	.889
Virginia	3	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Duke	3	0	1.000	5	2	.714
Clemson	3	1	.750	9	1	.900
Virginia Tech	3	1	.750	9	2	.818
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	6	2	.750
Georgia Tech	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
NC State	2	2	.500	6	3	.667
North Carolina	2	2	.500	7	4	.636
Syracuse	1	1	.500	7	2	.778
Florida St.	1	1	.500	5	2	.714
Miami	1	4	.200	5	5	.500
Wake Forest	0	3	.000	3	3	.500
Notre Dame	0	4	.000	3	7	.300
Boston College	0	5	.000	2	9	.182

Sunday's Game
Virginia Tech 77, Notre Dame 63
Tuesday's Games
Miami at Boston College, 7 p.m.
Duke at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at North Carolina, 9 p.m.
Clemson at Syracuse, ppd.
Wednesday's Games
Notre Dame at Virginia, 4:30 p.m.
NC State at Florida St., 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, ppd.
Louisville at Wake Forest, 8:30 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Michigan	5	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Iowa	5	1	.833	11	2	.846
Wisconsin	4	1	.800	10	2	.833
Illinois	5	2	.714	9	4	.692
Ohio St.	3	3	.500	9	3	.750
Indiana	3	3	.500	8	5	.615
Purdue	3	3	.500	8	5	.615
Northwestern	3	3	.500	6	4	.600
Minnesota	3	4	.429	10	4	.714
Rutgers	3	4	.429	7	4	.636
Michigan St.	2	4	.333	8	4	.667
Maryland	2	5	.286	7	6	.538
Penn St.	0	3	.000	3	4	.429
Nebraska	0	5	.000	4	8	.333

Sunday's Games
Iowa 86, Minnesota 71
Indiana 84, Nebraska 76
Maryland 66, Illinois 63
Tuesday's Games
Wisconsin at Michigan, 7 p.m.
Rutgers at Penn St., ppd.
Wednesday's Games
Northwestern at Ohio St., 7 p.m.
Illinois at Nebraska, 9 p.m.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Bowling Green	5	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Toledo	5	0	1.000	10	3	.769
Akron	2	1	.667	4	2	.667
Buffalo	2	1	.667	4	3	.571
Ball St.	2	2	.500	4	5	.444
Miami (Ohio)	1	1	.500	4	3	.571
Ohio	2	3	.400	6	5	.545
Kent St.	1	2	.333	4	3	.571
E. Michigan	1	2	.333	3	3	.500
Cent. Michigan	1	3	.250	5	6	.455
W. Michigan	1	3	.250	2	7	.222
N. Illinois	0	5	.000	1	9	.100

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo at W. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Akron at N. Illinois, 3 p.m.
Kent St. at Cent. Michigan, 4:30 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Ohio, 6 p.m.
Ball St. at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
E. Michigan at Toledo, 7 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	3	.700	—
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	½
Brooklyn	5	6	.455	2½
New York	5	6	.455	2½
Toronto	2	7	.222	4½
Southeast Division				
Orlando	6	5	.545	—
Charlotte	6	5	.545	—
Miami	4	4	.500	½
Atlanta	5	5	.500	½
Washington	3	8	.273	3
Central Division				
Indiana	6	3	.667	—
Milwaukee	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	5	6	.455	2
Chicago	4	7	.364	3
Detroit	2	8	.200	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	5	4	.556	—
San Antonio	5	5	.500	½
New Orleans	4	5	.444	1
Memphis	4	6	.400	1½
Houston	3	5	.375	1½
Northwest Division				
Utah	6	4	.600	—
Portland	5	4	.556	½
Oklahoma City	5	4	.556	½
Denver	5	5	.500	1
Minnesota	3	7	.300	3
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	8	3	.727	—
L.A. Clippers	7	4	.636	1
Phoenix	7	4	.636	1
Golden State	6	4	.600	1½
Sacramento	4	6	.400	3½

Sunday's Games
Utah 96, Detroit 86
L.A. Clippers 130, Chicago 127
Denver 114, New York 89
Oklahoma City 129, Brooklyn 116
L.A. Lakers 120, Houston 102
Minnesota 96, San Antonio 88
Golden State 106, Toronto 105
Miami at Boston, ppd
Monday's Games
Milwaukee 121, Orlando 99
Charlotte 109, New York 88
Washington 128, Phoenix 107
Memphis 101, Cleveland 91
Atlanta 112, Philadelphia 94
New Orleans at Dallas, ppd
Indiana at Sacramento
Toronto at Portland
Tuesday's Games
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, ppd
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Dallas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Florida, ppd
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Dave Lundquist assistant pitching coach and Mike Calitri quality assurance coach.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Announced that Special Assistant of Player Development Joe Amalfitano has announced his retirement.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Philadelphia $25,000 for violating the injury reporting rules.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed TE Nakia Griffin-Stewart and TE Nate Wieting to a reserve/future contracts.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated DT Steve McLendon and LB Devin White from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 12

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	📽 ★★★ **Captain America: The Winter Soldier** ('14, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L. Jackson. CC (DVS)					
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	**NCIS** "The Arizona" CC (DVS)		**FBI** Jess LaCroix and his team help OA.		**FBI: Most Wanted** "Reveille" CC	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	**Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist** (N)		**This Is Us** "Birth Mother" (N)		:01 **Nurses** "Chrysalis" (N)	
FOX (17) (222) (28) (32)	Modern Family	**The Resident** "A Wedding, A Funeral"		:01 **Prodigal Son** "It's All in the Execution"		**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	**Finding Your Roots With Henry**		**PBS American Portrait** "I Work" (N)		**Frontline** "Plastic Wars" CC	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	**Horror Stories**	**Horror Stories**	**Trickster** "Episode 1"		**News**	**Seinfeld** CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	**Dateline** "Suspicion" CC		**Chicago P.D.** Antonio returns to work.		**Chicago P.D.** "Outrage" CC (DVS)	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	**Horror Stories**	**Horror Stories**	**Trickster** "Episode 1"		**The Drew Barrymore Show** (N) CC	
WHME (46)	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** Mallory seeks Jack's advice.		**Highway to Heaven** "Thoroughbreds"		**Nightly News**	
WGN (9)	News	**black-ish** CC	**black-ish** CC	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**WGN News at Nine** (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 **The First 48**	**The First 48** "Spree Killer" CC		**The First 48** CC		:01 **The First 48** "The Grudge" CC	
AMC	**Lethal Weapon 2**	📽 ★★★ **Lethal Weapon 3** ('92, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. CC					**Lethal Weapon 4**
Animal	**Insane Po**	**Insane Pools: Off the Deep End** (N)				**Treehouse Masters**	
BET	6:00 📽 ★★★ **Baby Boy**			**Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself**			
Big Ten	**To Be Announced**					**B1G**	**B1G**
Bravo	**Real House.**	**The Real Housewives of Dallas**		**The Real Housewives of Dallas** (N)		**Watch What**	**Real House.**
Cartoon	**Gumball**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**American**	**American**	**Rick**	**Rick**
Cinemax	**Unforgettable** ('17)	📽 ★★★ **The Fighter** ('10, Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, Amy Adams. CC				9:58 📽 ★★ **The Punisher** ('04) CC	
CMT	**Last Man**	**Last Man**	**Last Man**	**Last Man**	**Last Man**	**Cheerleaders**	
CNBC	**S. Smith**	**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Streets of Dreams**	
CNN	**OutFront**	**Anderson Cooper**		**Cuomo Prime Time**		**CNN Tonight**	
Comedy	**Office**	**Office**	**Office**	**Office**	**Office**	**Office**	**Office**
Discovery	**Moonshiners**	**Moonshiners** "Too Much of a Good Thing" (N) CC				**Lone Star Law: Patrol and Protect** (N)	
Disney	**Jessie**	**Sydney**	**Sydney**	**Bunk'd**	**Bunk'd**	**Big City**	**Bunk'd**
DIY	**Off Grid**	**Building Off the Grid**		**Unbelievable Builds**		**Building Off the Grid**	
E!	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Celebrity Game Face**	
ESPN	**College Basketball**			**College Basketball** Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	**College Basketball**			**College Basketball** Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	6:00 **NBA**	**College Football** From Nov. 30, 1991.				**College Football**	
Food	**Chopped**	**Chopped** CC		**Chopped** (N) CC		**Supermarket**	
Fox News	**The Story**	**Tucker Carlson**		**Hannity** (N) CC		**The Ingraham Angle**	
Fox Sports	**Tennis**	**Tennis Classics** 2020 French Open, Men's Final.					
Freefrm	5:30 📽 ★★ **National Treasure** ('04)	📽 ★★ **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** ('07, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel. CC					
FX	:00 📽 ★★★ **Widows** ('18) Viola Davis. (P). Four indebted widows join forces to pull off a heist.					📽 ★★★ **Widows** ('18) Viola Davis. CC	
Golf	:00 📽 ★★ **Tommy's Honour** ('16) CC				📽 ★★ **Tommy's Honour**		
Hallmark	**Love-Forecast**	📽 **A New Year's Resolution** ('21) Aimee Teagarden, Michael Rady. CC				**Golden Girls**	**Golden Girls**
HBO	**Cowboys & Aliens**	📽 ★★ **Godzilla: King of the Monsters** ('19) Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga. CC				:15 **Tiger** (Part 1 of 2) CC	
History	**Oak Is**	**Digging Deeper**		**Curse-Island**		**Proof Is Out There**	
HGTV	**Fixer to**	**Fixer to Fabulous** (N)		**Fixer to Fabulous** (N)		**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**
Learning	**7 Little**	**7 Little Johnstons**		**Fat Fabulous**		**Unpolished**	
Lifetime	**Rizzoli & Isles**	**Rizzoli & Isles** A fisherman is killed.		:03 **Rizzoli & Isles** "Imitation Game"		:03 **Rizzoli & Isles** "Misconduct Game"	
MSNBC	**ReidOut**	**All In With**		**Rachel Maddow**		**The Last Word**	
MTV	**Break Up**	**Teen Mom 2** (N)		**Catfish: The TV**		**Delicious.**	**Delicious.**
NBCSCH	**Bulls**	**NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. (N)					**Postgame**
NFL	**NFL Total**	**NFL Football** Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	**SpongeBob Movie**			**Sheldon**	**Sheldon**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Life Be**	**Life Below Zero** (N) CC			**Port Protection**		**Next Gen**
Oxygen	**Susan Powell**	**Gypsy Rose & Nick: A Love to Kill For** What pushed the couple to murder.				**The Piketon Family Murders** CC	
Parmt	:00 📽 ★★★ **The Help** ('11) Viola Davis. CC					**League-Own**	
Showtime	**Dark Waters** ('19)	**Your Honor** "Part Six" CC		**Inside the NFL** (N) CC		**Shameless** "NIMBY" CC	
Starz	:33 📽 ★★ **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** ('01) Angelina Jolie. CC			:15 **American Gods** "A Winter's Tale"		:13 📽 ★★ **3000 Miles to Graceland**	
STZENC	:31 **Sons of Liberty** Paul Revere warns the Colonists. CC			:01 **Sons of Liberty** The Battles of Lexington and Concord.			**The Missing** ('03)
SyFy	6:30 📽 ★★ **Hancock** ('08) Will Smith.		📽 ★★ **Dracula Untold** ('14) Luke Evans, Sarah Gadon. (P). CC (DVS)				**Vampire Academy**
TBS	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**The Misery Index**
TCM	**Love Affair** ('39)	📽 ★★★ **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes** ('53) Jane Russell. CC			:45 📽 ★★★ **The Mark of Zorro** ('40) Tyrone Power. CC		
TMC	★ **Foxy Brown**	📽 ★★ **Hot Summer Nights** ('17, Suspense) Timothée Chalamet, Alex Roe. CC				📽 ★★★ **Hustlers** ('19) CC	
TNT	**Termna**	📽 ★★★ **Ready Player One** ('18) Tye Sheridan. CC (DVS)					
Travel	**Dead**	**The Dead Files** "Stalking in the Shadows"				**The Dead Files** (N)	
TV Land	**Andy G.**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**
USA	**Law & Order: SVU**	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**	
VH1	📽 ★★★ **Dope** ('15, Comedy) Shameik Moore. CC					📽 **Lottery Ticket**	
WGN-A	**Last Man Standing**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

Mom threatens divorce after teens find their dad's stash

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going on 19 years of marriage and have three teenage girls. We have had multiple rounds of marriage counseling, mostly with good results, although the benefits seem to be short-lived. Most of our problems have stemmed from my husband's drinking or smoking pot. He's not abusive, he's a good provider, but he just likes to get high. Thank God it's not often, but I'm not nor have I ever been OK with it.

Our girls recently found his pot stash and helped themselves. When I questioned them about where they got it, they admitted they found their dad's stash. For me, this is the last straw. How can I teach my kids this is not OK when their dad's actions say otherwise? I'm now made out to be the prude since apparently I'm "no fun."

I'm a nurse, and even if it were legal in our state, I wouldn't use it. I told my husband that I'm done and I'm ready for a divorce. He says I'm being ridiculous. Do I need to lighten up? I think I already know your answer, but I just need to see it to validate my feelings. – Anti-Drug Wife And Mom

DEAR ANTI-DRUG: Although marijuana may be legal in an increasing number of states, "supplying" drugs to minors is against the law in all of them. What happened cannot and should not be ignored, but ending a good marriage because your husband likes to use pot OCCASIONALLY seems extreme.

It may take more visits to a marriage and family therapist for you to agree to disagree on this, but it is very important that your daughters be disabused of the idea that what they did was OK with either of you. It's time you and your husband form a united front, and he needs to find a better place to keep his stash.

DEAR ABBY: Because of the recent COVID-19 crisis, my wife and I, like so many others, have been stuck at home. I have asked her questions about former boyfriends and lovers. She told me some things, but when I bring it up now, she gets defensive and accuses me of belittling her and bringing back memories she has asked God to help her forget. I feel I am owed an explanation since they all took place while we were dating (including with my best friend) and with a house sitter after we were married. Am I wrong to bring it up after many years and a great marriage?

P.S. It's eating at me, and her stonewalling by saying "I can't remember" is frustrating, especially because all her friends talk about her great memory. – Depressed In Texas

DEAR DEPRESSED: Yes, you are wrong because this isn't getting you anywhere positive. In fact, it's the opposite. If you are looking for a divorce after "many years and a great marriage," keep digging.

While your wife's poor judgment and infidelity are deeply regrettable, the two of you managed to build a life together and move beyond it. Sometimes people forget what they need to forget in order to function. Accept it and use your quarantine time to do something more positive than playing "20 Questions."

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Parent of youngsters thinks no one else can truly be sleep-deprived

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I have kids who are 8 months and 2 years old, so when a childless friend told me she had been sleep-deprived, I just laughed and told her she doesn't know what sleep deprived is.

She didn't say anything about it in the moment, but then later sent me an email detailing health problems she's had related to insomnia and telling me she thought I was insensitive.

I replied, "You're acting like this is personal about you. I'm just telling you, no parent wants to hear a non-parent whine about not sleeping."

She didn't reply to that, and I had basically forgotten about it, but I saw her yesterday and she was very cold to me.

Do you think I should address this with her again? It's not that I'm unsympathetic if she's really having problems sleeping, it's just that it's fairly ridiculous for her to compare what she's going through to what parents of young children go through. – "Sleep Deprived"

DEAR "SLEEP DEPRIVED": Yes, so so ridiculous, because parents of young children are the only ones whose experiences are actually valid! Yes!

Are your kids named Holier and Thou? Holy headsmack.

Not only were you awful to this friend, but you also took her patient explanation as an opportunity to be awful to her all over again! And you still don't see it. You're doubling down.

There is no suffering Olympics, no gold medal to be won, there is only suffering.

And *I'm* just telling *you* (ugh!) that no suffering person wants to hear another person dismiss their suffering as a ludicrous yeah-whatever WHINE. You called a sick friend a *whiner*. And you did this even though you presumably have first-hand knowledge that sleep-deprivation is a form of torture!

But instead of tapping into that to feel some empathy for your friend, you used it against her. Hard.

Please lose the certainty of your place at the top of the experience mountain and work on your empathy skills, stat.

And "address this" with your friend "again" only if you're prepared to deliver an abject and heartfelt apology for treating her pain as nothing more than the "ridiculous" pretender to your own.

You can tell her you responded so badly because you, too, are sleep-deprived and are clearly not at your best at putting 2 and 2 together.

This part is not necessary to my argument, but I will spell it out anyway: You are not sleeping well because you are caring for little people who do not yet sleep all night without needing your care. This is not only a choice you made, but also – in the vast majority of cases – a temporary state of things, after which you will be better able to rest.

In other words, it is not your body betraying you to the point that it's denying you your ability to do what you desperately need, and not responding to efforts to fix the problem, and with no end in sight. That's your friend's current status.

So scoffing at that? Gets a "wow."

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Cartoon bear
5 "Aquarius" musical
9 Dolores — Rio
12 Two to two
13 "— — proud of you!"
14 Teahouse attire
15 Rowers work them
16 Pirate's coin
18 Blunter
20 Transported
21 "— Kapital"
22 Fast plane
23 Scared-looking
26 Put in order
29 Stout
30 Diamond Head site
32 Follow commands
34 Offer a position
36 Knitter's supply
38 Overwhelm
39 Patted on
41 Deep fissure
43 City transport
44 Thurman of "Gattaca"
45 Compare
48 Had to apologize (2 wds.)
52 Decisive proof (2 wds.)
54 Windy day toy
55 Food fish
56 Old barge canal
57 Adams or Brickell
58 Call it quits
59 Letter starter
60 Classroom fixture

DOWN
1 Pound sound
2 Race track
3 Japanese clog
4 Kind of job
5 Pelts
6 Eros, in Rome
7 Ames inst.
8 Bandit
9 House part
10 Poet's black
11 Stripe
17 State-run game
19 Metric prefix
22 Bon —, monsieur!
23 Contented murmur
24 Performed a glissade
25 Zeus' wife
26 Food fish
27 Online auction site
28 Grass droplets
31 Skippers' OKs
33 Sure!
35 Diminished slowly
37 Specify
40 Pushed with the head
42 Stood behind
44 Absolute
45 Blouse trim
46 Mac image
47 Pirate captain
48 Vast region
49 Gallop
50 Elevator guy
51 Seven days
53 Before now

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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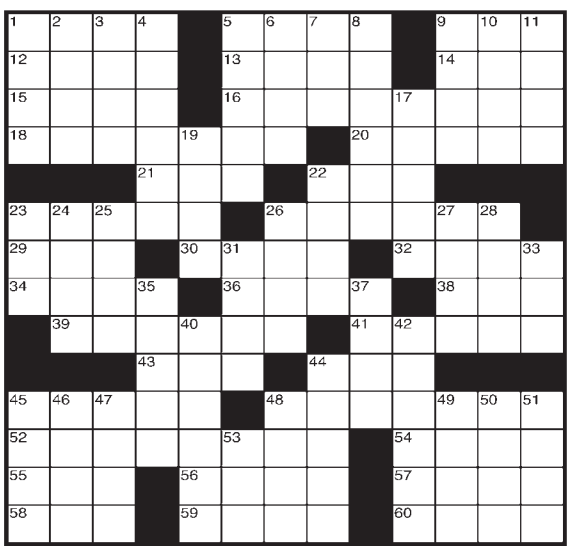

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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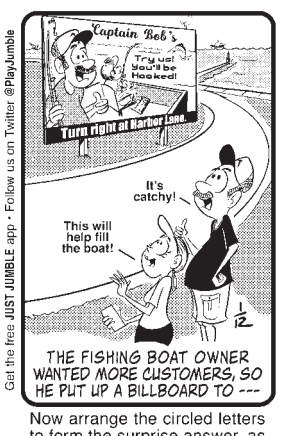
MLYOD

BLINEB

JNUIER


Captain Bob's
Try us! You'll be Hooked!
It's catchy!
This will help fill the boat!
THE FISHING BOAT OWNER WANTED MORE CUSTOMERS, SO HE PUT UP A BILLBOARD TO ---

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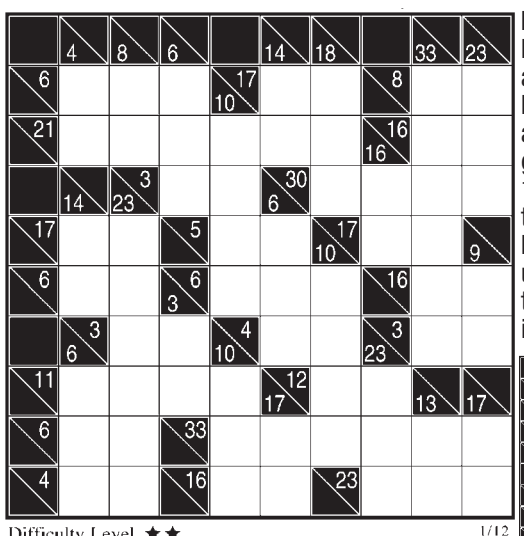
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ' (Answers tomorrow)

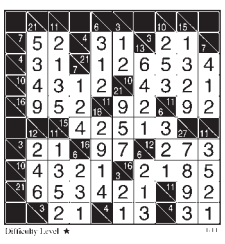
Yesterday's Jumbles: WEAVE HEDGE CLINIC TRENCH
Answer: The horses had been married for years and liked being — HITCHED

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 1/12

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Last month, at Bridge Base Online, there were two deals that had the same decision for one of the players: to pass a takeout double at the three-level, turning it into a penalty double, or to bid higher with a balanced hand.

Here is the first. Look only at the East hand and the start to the auction. What should East do?

South opened with a weak two-bid. West's first double was for takeout, his second the same and promising extra strength.

Here, if East bids three no-trump (which looks better than four hearts), he would have gone plus at least 600 for the vulnerable game. But if he had passed and defended against three spades doubled, he would have been a happy camper – how happy?

At a few tables, East corrected to four hearts. When the dummy appeared, life looked all right – until declarer learned about the 5-0 trump split! But I think the key guideline is: With a balanced hand, defend; with an unbalanced hand, declare.

West would start off with three top clubs, East playing high-low to show his doubleton, then discarding the diamond six. West will continue with the high club nine, and East will overruff the dummy. After the diamond ace and another diamond to West's king, a third diamond will give East has second trump trick. With the spade ace still to come, that is down four, plus 800 nonvulnerable.

So, although occasionally you will leave in partner's takeout double with a balanced hand and the contract will make, in the long run you will be well ahead of the game.

North 01-12-21
♠ 7 6 2
♥ A Q J 10 3
♦ J 10
♣ J 8 2

West
♠ —
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 8 5 4 3
♣ A K Q 9

East
♠ A J 8 3
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ A 6 2
♣ 10 7

South
♠ K Q 10 9 5 4
♥ —
♦ Q 9 7
♣ 6 5 4 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Dbl.	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	??

Opening lead: ♣ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		5		8	9		7	
	2	6		7	3		5	4
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1	6		5	9		7	3	
	7		3	1		2		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	6	7	1	5	4	9	8	3
1	3	9	6	7	8	5	2	4
8	4	5	9	3	2	1	6	7
6	2	8	4	1	7	3	9	5
5	7	4	8	9	3	6	1	2
3	9	1	5	2	6	7	4	8
9	1	2	7	4	5	8	3	6
4	5	6	3	8	9	2	7	1
7	8	3	2	6	1	4	5	9

BEETLE BAILEY

IS THAT YOUR STOMACH AGAIN?
YEAH
GREG + MORT WALKER
GROWL! GRUMBLE! GROAN!
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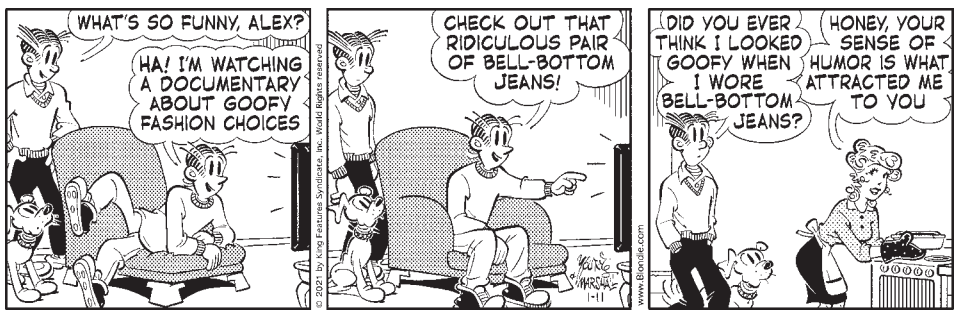
IT DOESN'T LIKE PROGRAMS WITH NO ADS SO WE CAN TAKE SNACK BREAKS
RUMBLE! RRRRR! ROAR!

BLONDIE


WHAT'S SO FUNNY, ALEX?
HA! I'M WATCHING A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT GOOFY FASHION CHOICES
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CHECK OUT THAT RIDICULOUS PAIR OF BELL-BOTTOM JEANS!
DID YOU EVER THINK I LOOKED GOOFY WHEN I WORE BELL-BOTTOM JEANS?
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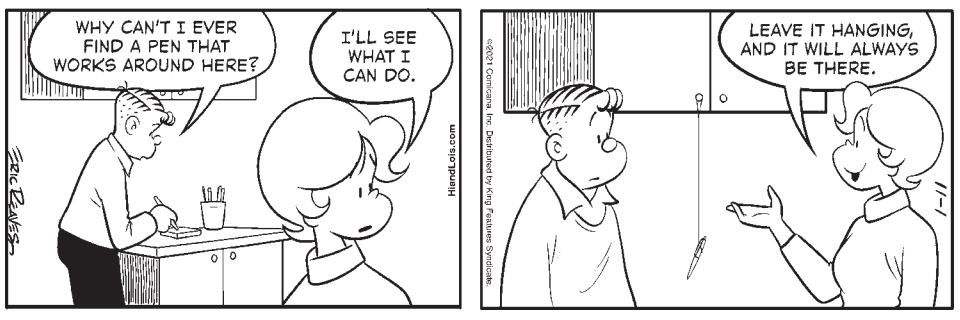
WHY CAN'T I EVER FIND A PEN THAT WORKS AROUND HERE?
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
ERIC REYNOLDS
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LEAVE IT HANGING, AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE.
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BC

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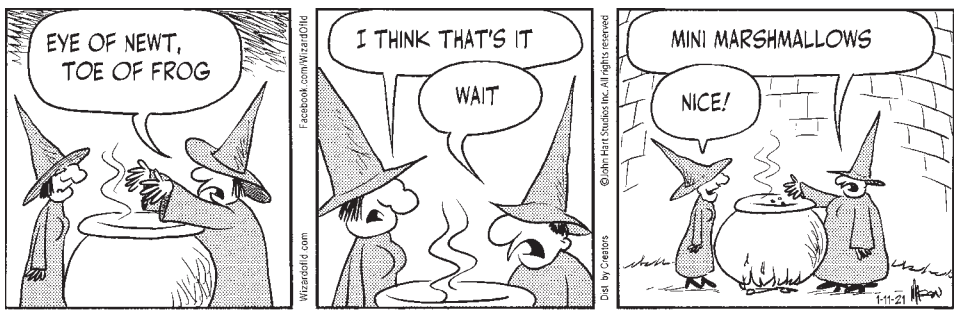

DILBERT

I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A KEYBOARD DESIGN THAT WE UPGRADE EVERY SIX MONTHS BY REARRANGING WHERE THE KEYS ARE.
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WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?
TO MAKE IT BETTER.
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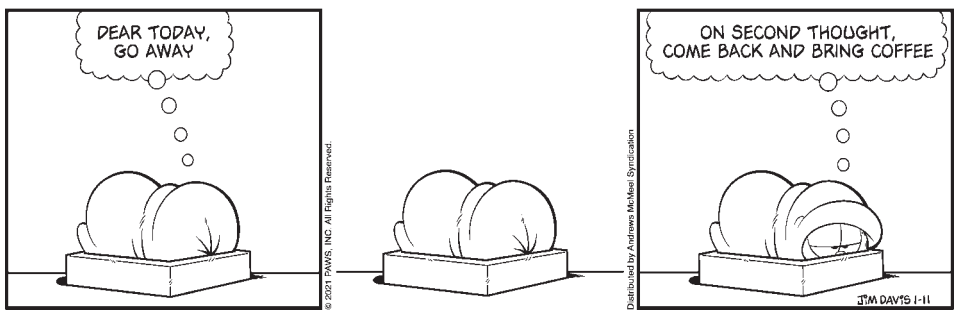
THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE IT HARDER TO USE.
EXACTLY LIKE OUR SOFTWARE UPGRADES. WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

GARFIELD


DEAR TODAY, GO AWAY
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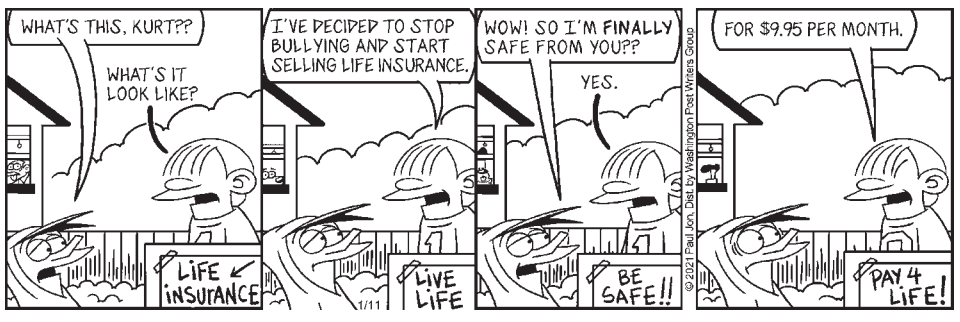
ON SECOND THOUGHT, COME BACK AND BRING COFFEE
JIM DAVIS 1-11

FORT KNOX


WHAT'S THIS, KURT??
WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE?
LIFE INSURANCE
I'VE DECIDED TO STOP BULLYING AND START SELLING LIFE INSURANCE.
LIVE LIFE
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WOW! SO I'M FINALLY SAFE FROM YOU??
YES.
BE SAFE!!
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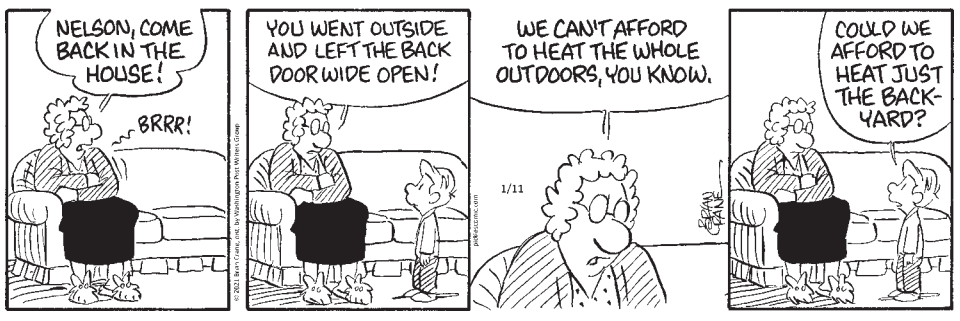
PAY 4 LIFE!

PICKLES


NELSON, COME BACK IN THE HOUSE!
BRRR!
YOU WENT OUTSIDE AND LEFT THE BACK DOOR WIDE OPEN!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HEAT THE WHOLE OUTDOORS, YOU KNOW.
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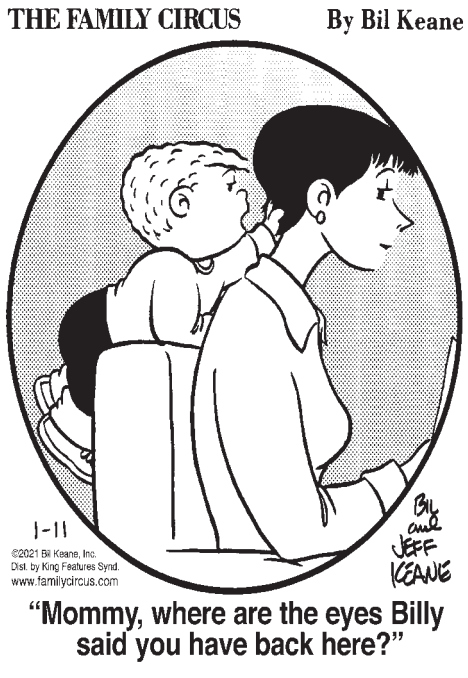
COULD WE AFFORD TO HEAT JUST THE BACK-YARD?

FAMILY CIRCUS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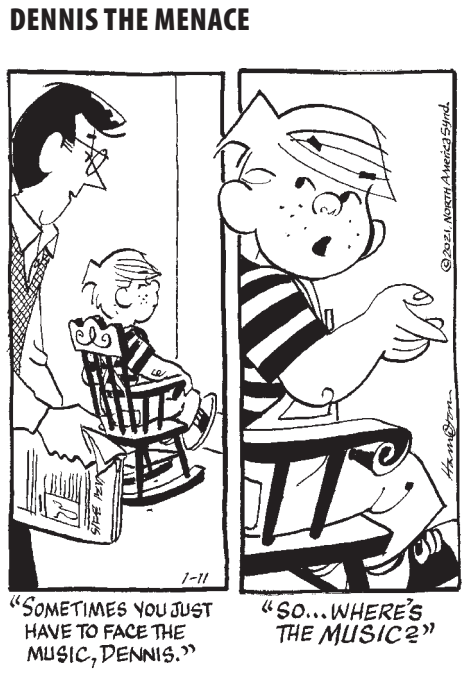
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Mommy, where are the eyes Billy said you have back here?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



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I'M GOING FOR A RUN.
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK!
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YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO WORK OFF THAT DAD BOD, AREN'T YOU?
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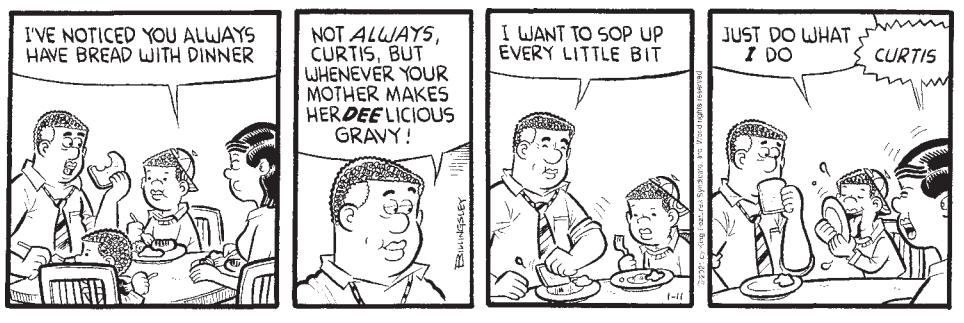
I AM NOW.

CURTIS


I'VE NOTICED YOU ALWAYS HAVE BREAD WITH DINNER
NOT ALWAYS, CURTIS, BUT WHENEVER YOUR MOTHER MAKES HER DEE'LICIOUS GRAVY!
BRAD WESLEY
I WANT TO SOP UP EVERY LITTLE BIT
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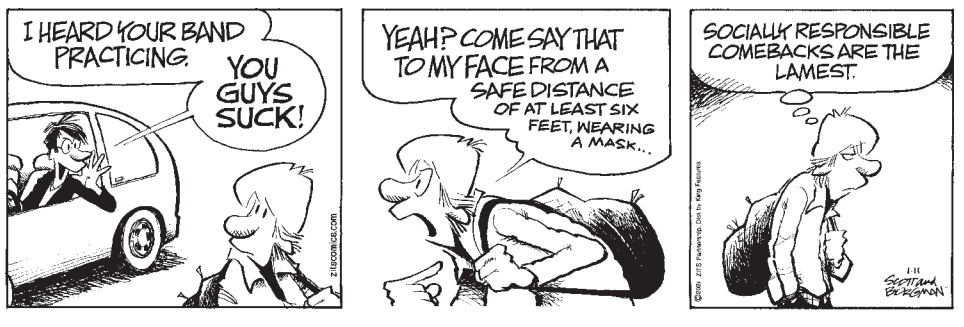
JUST DO WHAT I DO
CURTIS

ZITS


I HEARD YOUR BAND PRACTICING.
YOU GUYS SUCK!
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YEAH? COME SAY THAT TO MY FACE FROM A SAFE DISTANCE OF AT LEAST SIX FEET, WEARING A MASK...
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COMEBACKS ARE THE LAMEST.
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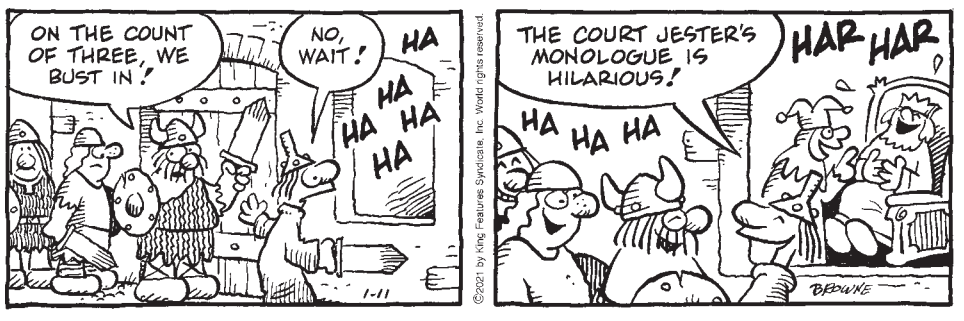
SCOTTAM BERGMAN

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE BUST IN!
NO, WAIT!
HA HA HA HA HA
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THE COURT JESTER'S MONOLOGUE IS HILARIOUS!
HAR HAR
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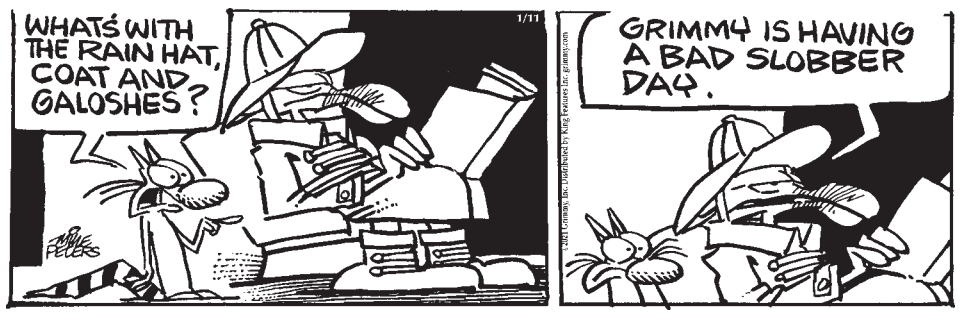
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GRIMMY IS HAVING A BAD SLOBBER DAY.
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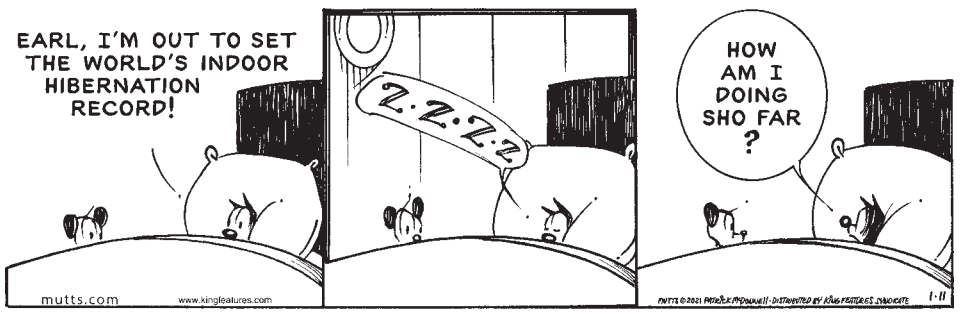

SALLY FORTH

ACHOO! ACHOO! ACHOO! ACHOO!
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SNIFF...
KEEFFE
THANKS FOR THE "GESUNDHEIT."
YOU'RE A FIVE-TIME SNEEZER! I WAS WAITING FOR THE FIFTH...AND NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME FEEL BAD FOR KNOWING YOUR SNEEZING PATTERNS.

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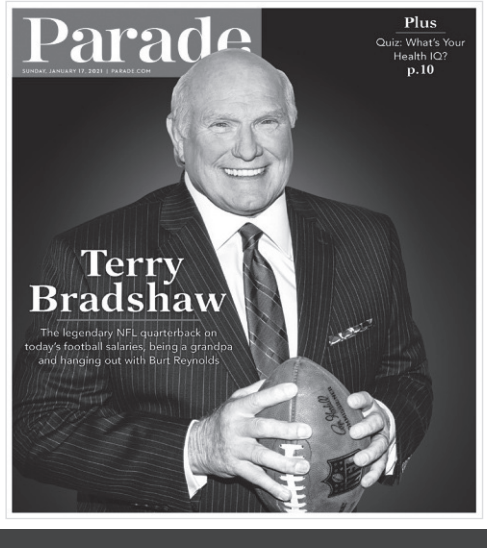
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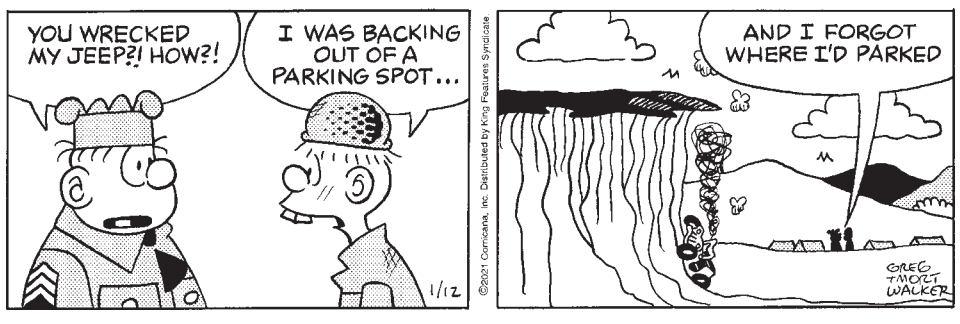
YOU WRECKED MY JEEP?! HOW?!
I WAS BACKING OUT OF A PARKING SPOT...
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AND I FORGOT WHERE I'D PARKED
GREG TMORT WALKER

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?
TRY IT, BOSS! IT'S AN EXERCISE TO GET YOUR BRAIN TO SEE THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE
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WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
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I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT I NEED TO HIRE A NEW OFFICE MANAGER!
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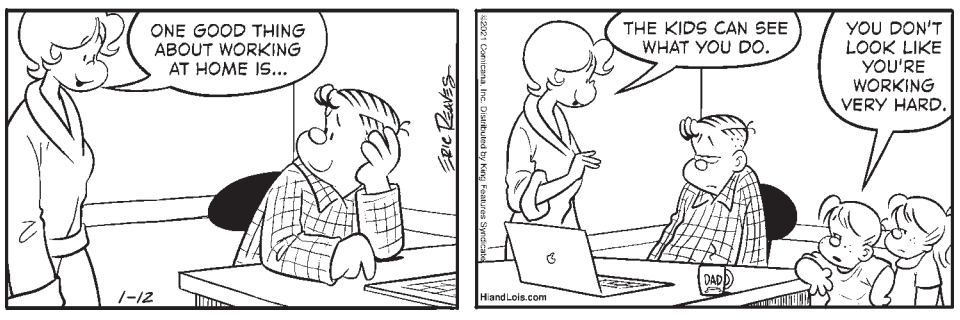
ONE GOOD THING ABOUT WORKING AT HOME IS...
ERIC REVES
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THE KIDS CAN SEE WHAT YOU DO.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE WORKING VERY HARD.
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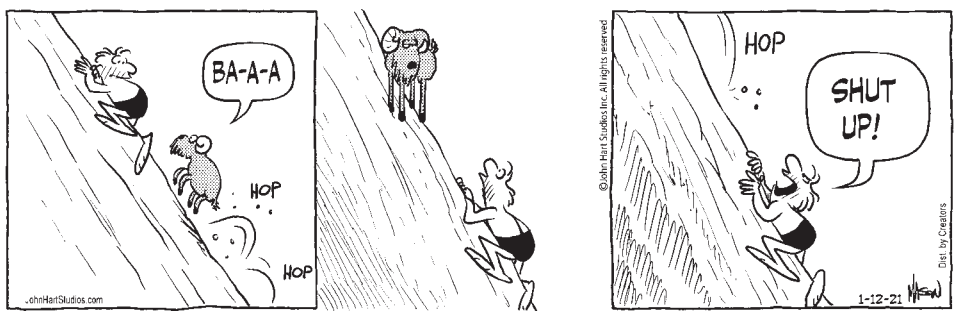

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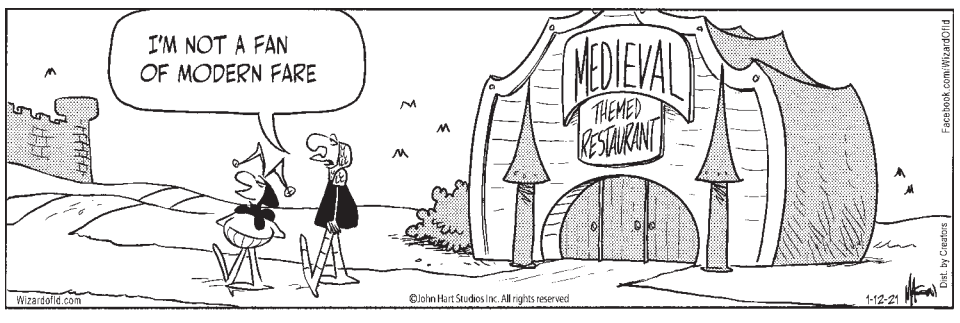

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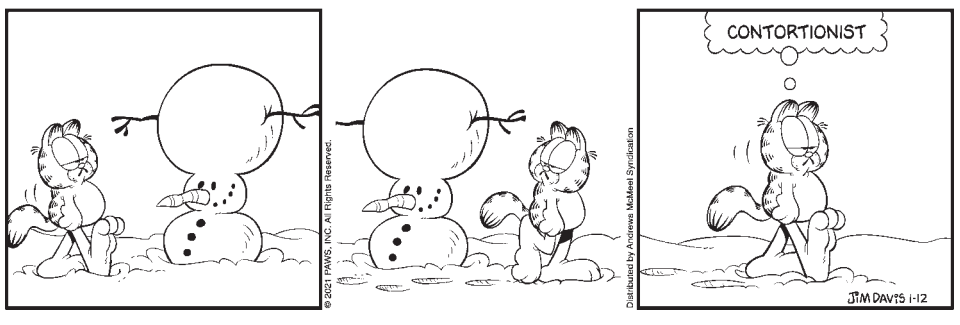
SHOULD WE MAKE AN OBVIOUS EXCEPTION HERE OR BE MORONS?
I THINK YOU'RE UNDER-VALUING THE MORON OPTION.

GARFIELD



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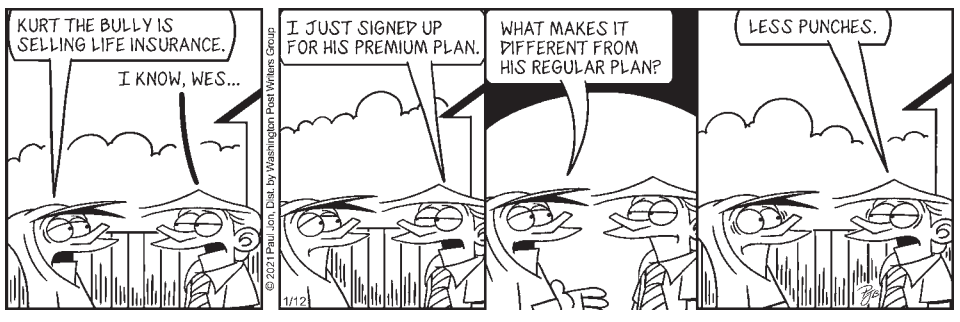
KURT THE BULLY IS SELLING LIFE INSURANCE.
I KNOW, WES...
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I JUST SIGNED UP FOR HIS PREMIUM PLAN.
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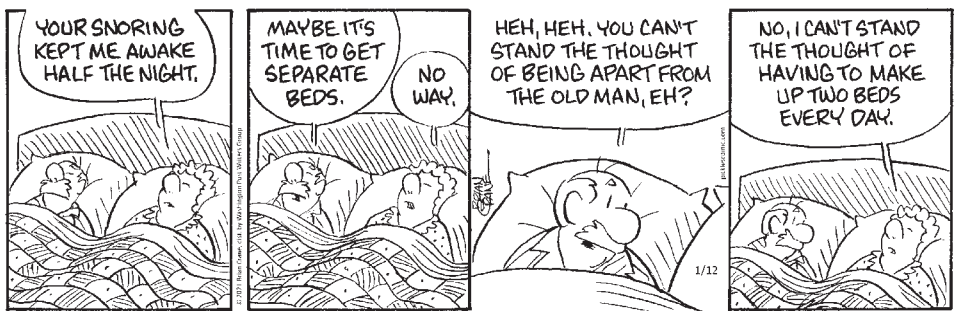
WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM HIS REGULAR PLAN?
LESS PUNCHES.

PICKLES


YOUR SNORING KEPT ME AWAKE HALF THE NIGHT.
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MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GET SEPARATE BEDS.
NO WAY.
HEH, HEH. YOU CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF BEING APART FROM THE OLD MAN, EH?
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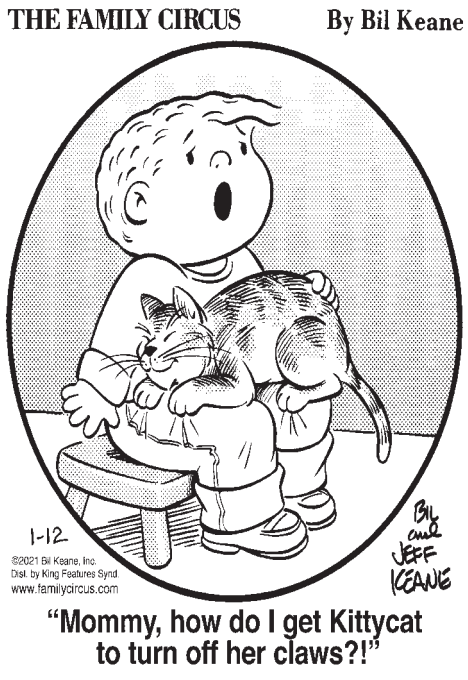
NO, I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO MAKE UP TWO BEDS EVERY DAY.

FAMILY CIRCUS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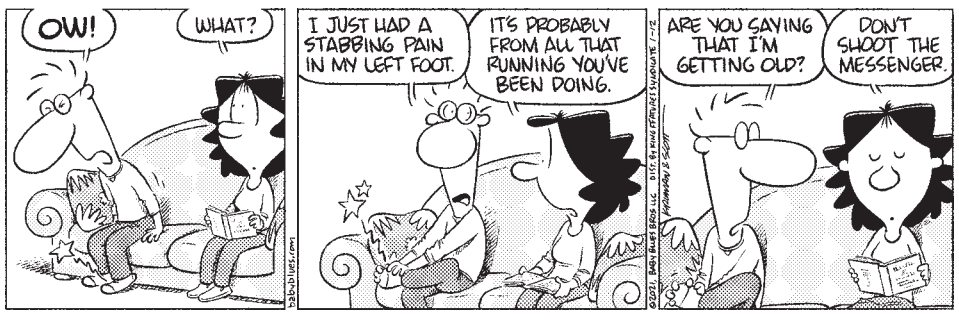
OW!
WHAT?
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I JUST HAD A STABBING PAIN IN MY LEFT FOOT.
IT'S PROBABLY FROM ALL THAT RUNNING YOU'VE BEEN DOING.
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ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M GETTING OLD?
DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER.

CURTIS

CURTIS, YOUR MOTHER'S AWFUL TIRED... BE A SPORT AND WASH THE DINNER DISHES
YEAH-YEAH YEAH.
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I FORGOT MY FATHER ASKS NICELY ONLY ONCE!

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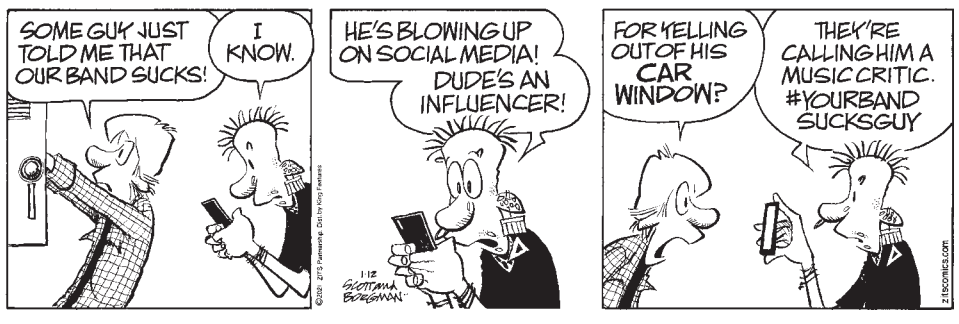
SOME GUY JUST TOLD ME THAT OUR BAND SUCKS!
I KNOW.
HE'S BLOWING UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA! DUDE'S AN INFLUENCER!
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FOR YELLING OUT OF HIS CAR WINDOW?
THEY'RE CALLING HIM A MUSIC CRITIC. #YOURBAND SUCKSGUY
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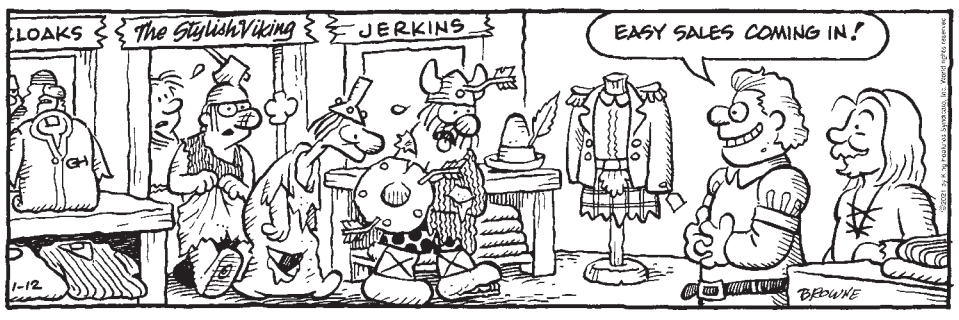

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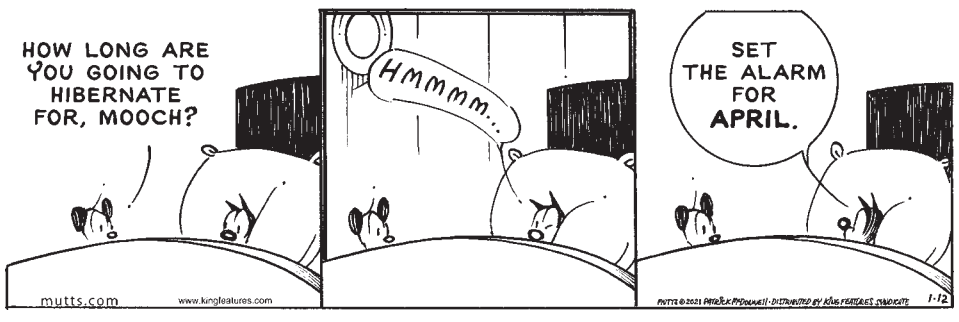

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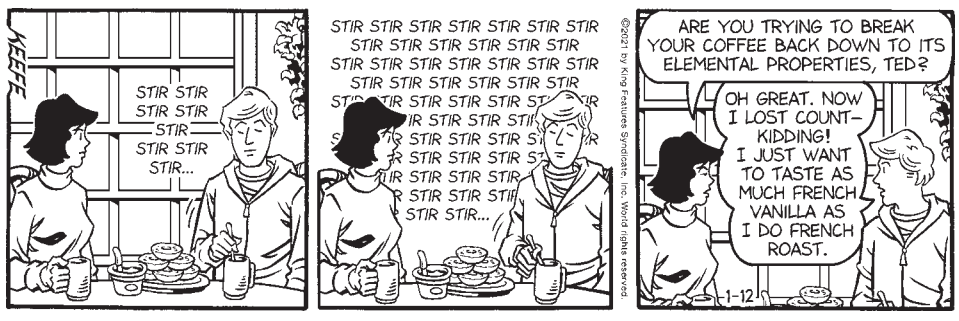
KEEFE
STIR STIR STIR STIR STIR...
STIR STIR STIR STIR STIR STIR STIR
ARE YOU TRYING TO BREAK YOUR COFFEE BACK DOWN TO ITS ELEMENTAL PROPERTIES, TED?
OH GREAT. NOW I LOST COUNT— KIDDING! I JUST WANT TO TASTE AS MUCH FRENCH VANILLA AS I DO FRENCH ROAST.
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LEGALS

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS:

The Grantor, Catherine A. Iverson, whose date of birth is June 22, 1934, of the Catherine A. Iverson Revocable Living Trust dated October 3, 2001, as amended by First Amendment to Trust Agreement dated November 21, 2018, who lived at 4089 Birchmont Trail, New Buffalo, Michigan 49117, died December 21, 2020. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Catherine A. Iverson Revocable Living Trust dated October 3, 2001, as amended by First Amendment to Trust Agreement dated November 21, 2018, will be forever banned unless presented to Timothy R. Iverson and Catherine E. Iverson, Successor Co-Trustees, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated January 8, 2021

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Consider what makes you happy and adjust your life accordingly. The changes you make will help you see things more clearly. Choose your words wisely, and make sure you practice what you preach. Personal growth and an updated look are favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's OK to do things differently. Don't feel bound to tradition or to what someone wants you to do. A change will lift your spirits and encourage you to be more active.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will meet with opposition if you show signs of insecurity or confusion. Stand tall and be clear about what you want. Look for an opportunity, and follow through with a plan.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll get the opportunity to explore something you want to pursue. How you represent yourself will make a difference. Direct your energy where it will be most effective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll have to rely on your connections to help you get ahead. A competitive individual will try to make you look bad. Preparation, intelligence and strategy will help you come out on top.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep an open mind, size up situations and make decisions based on facts. Personal improvements, growth and unique friendships will develop if you use social media to your advantage. Be direct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Gather information. Trusting someone to take care of your business will set you back. Question everything and everyone before you agree to make a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change someone suggests will be useful for you emotionally, but not financially. Think twice before you let someone push you in a bad direction. Concentrate on creativity, romance and personal happiness.

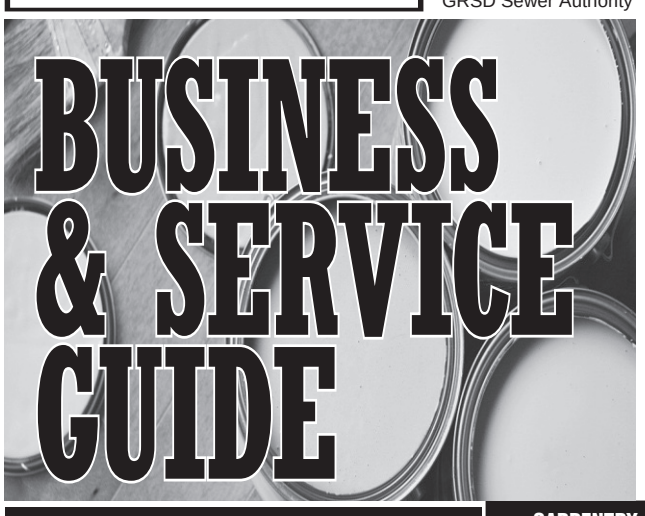
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll have plenty of ideas, but consider your motives before you leap into action. A change will lead to uncertainty if you haven't thought matters through sufficiently. Be smart and take your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Jump at the chance to learn something new or to use your skills differently. The more you know and have to offer, the greater the reward. Look at the trends, and be as versatile as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't let your desire for change lead you down a rabbit hole. Don't trade one negative situation for another. Baby steps will help you incorporate a promising strategy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Let your intuition be your guide. Stay focused on knowledge and facts. Use your imagination to outmaneuver anyone who tries to get in your way. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Let go of negative baggage. Prepare to move forward with optimism, intelligence and a disciplined attitude. Giving anyone the chance to speak on your behalf or take care of your responsibilities will result in disappointment.



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